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Bangladesh president hosted by King Khaled

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — King Khaled hosted a banquet in honor of visiting Bangladeshi President Abdul Sattar and his delegation at the royal palace here Sunday.

Those attending the party included Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; members of the royal family; ministers and top civil and military officials. President Abdul Sattar arrived here from Jeddah in the morning within the context of a three-day state visit to the Kingdom.

He was met at the airport by King Khaled; Prince Abdullah; Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh; Dr. Muhammad Al-Milhem, minister of state and member of the Council of Ministers and Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim Riyadh mayor. The welcoming party also included members of the royal family, ministers and high-ranking civil and military officials.

In a related development, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, finance and national economy minister, Sunday met with his Bangladeshi counterpart Muhammad Seif-ur-Rahman, who is a member of the presidential delegation.

Following the meeting, Aba Al-Khail stated that they discussed several economic matters of mutual concern and explored possible ways and means of boosting commercial ties between the two countries. They also reviewed the probable activity of Bang-

ladeshi contractors in the Kingdom and the possibility of increasing the number of Bangladeshi manpower and establishing a joint investment company between the two countries, he said.

In the afternoon, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal met with his Bangladeshi opposite number Shams-ul-Haq. The meeting was attended by Abbas Faq Ghazzawi, head of the Asian and African desk at the Foreign Ministry, and Sheikh Fuad Al-Khatib, the Kingdom's ambassador in Dacca. Those who joined Shams-ul-Haq in the meeting included Foreign Secretary Chowdhry and Bangladeshi Ambassador to the Kingdom Muhammad Mohsen. The two sides discussed several matters of mutual interest.

Meanwhile, Shamsul-Haq commended the leading role of Saudi Arabia in the sphere of economic cooperation with the Islamic states. In a statement to *Okaz* newspaper, Shamsul-Haq said Saudi Arabia has assumed a valuable role out of its determination to adhere to the spirit and the principles of the Makkah Declaration issued by the third Islamic heads of state summit.

He declared his country's full support for the Palestinian cause and said, "Bangladesh has constantly expressed its solidarity with the Palestinian people and has strongly called for immediate total Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem and the restoration of the Palestinian legitimate rights." He said Bangladesh has recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinian people, and has granted PLO diplomatic status in Dacca.



ARRIVAL: King Khaled escorting his guest President Abdul Sattar of Bangladesh on his arrival Sunday at Riyadh at the start of an official visit to the Kingdom.

Fahd receives top officials

ALKHOBAR, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd received Qais Abdul Monem Al-Zawawi, Omani minister of state for foreign affairs, here Sunday. Early in the morning, Prince Fahd received several top officials of the Eastern Province at a luncheon party. Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi, governor of the Eastern Province, was present during the meeting.

The crown prince, who began his visit to the Eastern Province Wednesday, first attended the convocation of the King Faisal University, during which degrees were awarded to the first batch of 35 men and women medical graduates.

Khaled hails part played by educators in progress

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — King Khaled Sunday lauded the high educational standard attained by Riyadh University, the Kingdom's first seat of higher studies. The King delivered his message, contained in the university's documentary register, on the occasion of the university's Silver Jubilee.

Riyadh University symbolizes the actual development of the Kingdom which has become the focus of attention by the Grace of God and due to the application of the Quranic injunctions and the Traditions of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), the King said.

The monarch said he was pleased that university graduates assumed high posts and shouldered responsibility for development in every sphere, working for the welfare of the people and the glory of the country, on the foundations of faith, knowledge and sincere labor.

Riyadh University began with a small number of 21 students at the Faculty of Literature, explained the King. Now the same educational edifice has on its rolls more than 17,000 men and women in 14 faculties and institutes. He said now that the Kingdom has seven universities, it instills the heart with happiness and confidence.

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Purge of moderates reported in Poland

VIENNA, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — A purge of moderates in the Polish Communist Party was reported Sunday amid signs that the voice of the outlawed Solidarity union had not been still after two weeks of martial law.

Warsaw radio said more than 1,000 Silesian coal miners on an underground sit-in strike were continuing to hold out in protest against the military takeover although most of them were in need of medical attention.

But the most dramatic confrontation news came Sunday morning from the Piast coal mine in Silesia where striking miners were told they could leave their underground shafts, meet their families and then return if they wished, according to Radio Warsaw monitored in Vienna. The radio said that miners who agreed to return to work would not be punished for their strike, stated Dec. 13. But "those who used violence" against other workers would be prosecuted.

There was no immediate news of the miners' reaction to this offer. But Radio Warsaw said wives, mothers and children were Sunday gathering outside the mine.

More detailed information was available of the brutality of security forces in carrying out nationwide arrests of members of Solidarity and its supporters. Prof. Stanislaw Baranczak of Harvard University said in Cambridge, Massachusetts that the two founders of the Polish Committee for Self-Defense (Kor) — Jacek Juron and Adam Michnik — had been "cruelly beaten and tortured" at a Warsaw police station.

He has written a report to the U.S. authorities which has been signed by Polish Nobel prize winner for literature, Czeslaw Milosz, who also teaches at Harvard.

In London, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) quoted a Solidarity clandestine bulletin claiming that security forces used gas to drive miners out of a mine they had occupied.

Independent reports reaching the West said disarray, shock and anger spread through Polish Communist Party ranks after the proclamation of martial law. The report said hardliners seemed to be reasserting control over the party at all levels and purges were going on from top to bottom on the same scale as happened in Czechoslovakia after the 1968 Warsaw Pact intervention there.

"There are only careerists and Stalinists left," the reports quoted one party source as saying. Many party members were said to have turned in their party cards. Other reports reaching the West said that Solidarity was secretly circulating documents charging that several persons died in Gdansk and Wroclaw last week in clashes with security forces.

The military government has insisted that the only violent deaths since the army takeover were in Silesia last week; when seven persons were shot dead at the Wujek coal mine. The Solidarity documents indicated that the Soviet Bloc's first free trade union had maintained some sort of organization since most of its leaders were detained in a wave of arrests following the imposition of martial law, the reports said.

Warsaw radio reported that a doctor who descended into the strike-bound Piast Pit near Katowice found that most of the 1,000 defiant miners were in poor health after nearly two weeks of their underground sit-in. The radio said all other coal mines in Silesia were ready to resume normal work Monday.

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was quoted as saying that the likelihood of Soviet intervention in Poland could be greater now than it was before the army assumed power Dec. 13.

Haig told *The Washington Post* he believed passive resistance to martial law would go on and many analysis had concluded prematurely that Soviet intervention was now less likely. "I think it is much too early to draw that conclusion," he was quoted as saying in an interview. "I think it may be even more possible than before these events occurred." At the same time, the Polish news agency PAP reported: "The situation in the country is, in general, calm."

In Moscow, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* accused the United States of wanting to provoke a Kremlin intervention in Poland as a pretext for breaking off arms control negotiations.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev had sent a letter in response to President Reagan's speech last week threatening sanctions against Moscow if military repression in Poland continued.

Intensified search made for Dozier

VERONA, Italy, Dec. 27 (AP) — Hundreds of police searched homes and boats, stopped cars and combed fields and mountains in northern Italy Sunday in a continuing search for kidnapped U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier.

All people leaving and entering this ancient walled city were undergoing body searches and identity checks, police said. All the boats moored on Lake Garda were also being searched.

Police reported Saturday that they have discovered "useful new elements" in the search for Dozier, the highest-ranking American army officer at NATO headquarters here. But they gave no details.

Dozier, 50, was snatched by Red Brigades urban guerrillas posing as plumbers soon after he returned home from work Dec. 17. His wife, Judith, was bound and gagged and tied to a chair.

"We're following a lead," said an anti-terrorist officer who asked not to be identified. He did not elaborate.

In Rome, Premier Giovanni Spadolini held a two-hour meeting Saturday night with Interior Minister Virgilio Rognoni, chiefs of the intelligence services, police officials and commanders of the army and Carabinieri (paramilitary police).

Spadolini and Rognoni said the intelligence chief and the commanders made "progress reports of technical nature" on the Dozier investigation.

The Red Brigades stopped all communications since they issued the first communique Dec. 19 in which they called their hostage "a Yankee pig" and declared war on NATO and American military.



SURVIVOR: First Lt. Thomas W. Tiller, 26, of Houston, Texas, is shown here being rushed in an ambulance after surviving seven days at sea following the crash of his Air Force fighter jet Dec. 17 off Charleston, S.C. A search is continuing for the pilot of the plane.

Japan forced to boost its arms budget

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (AP) — The ruling Liberal Democratic Party, in response to pressure for Japan to spend more on its own defense, and the budget-saving Finance Ministry have agreed that defense spending in fiscal 1982 will be 7.7 percent larger than the current year's program, major dailies reported Sunday.

Five National dailies said a compromise was reached late Saturday after meetings between Finance Minister Michio Watanabe and top LDP officials, including Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki. The final government budget proposal will be approved by the cabinet Monday for submission to parliament next month.

The papers said the defense budget for the fiscal year starting next April will climb to 2,585 trillion yen (\$11.75 billion) up 7.7 percent from the current fiscal year.

The amount would account for 0.93 percent of Japan's gross national product, compared to 0.91 percent in 1981.

The United States, which spends more than 5 percent of GNP on defense, has urged Japan to contribute more to the defense of its own shores, and some members of the U.S. Congress have pressed Japan to change its current policy limiting defense spending to less than 1 percent of GNP.

Conservative elements within the LDP reportedly voiced concern that the original finance ministry budget draft made Dec. 22, which held the defense budget increase to 6.5 percent, would draw greater congressional attention to Japan's small defense spending at a time when Japan is racking up record trade surpluses with the United States.

The Finance Ministry, which has called for heavy cutbacks in government spending to reduce the nation's debts, originally proposed a total budget of 49.681 trillion yen (about \$225.8 billion) up 6.2 percent over 1981 and the smallest general account increase since the 1950s.

It was reported that the ministry agreed to raise Japan's official development assistance (ODA) by 11 percent to 440 billion yen (\$2 billion).

Workers search Pisa building for survivors

PISA, Italy, Dec. 27 (R) — Up to 20 people were feared trapped beneath the rubble of a building in the center of Pisa Sunday after an explosion ripped through the structure.

Rescue officials said the four-story building collapsed early Sunday afternoon, burying whole families eating Sunday lunch in a ground floor restaurant.

Police said a gas leak may have caused the blast.

First reports said more than 10 injured persons were rushed to a nearby hospital.

Police said the building contained seven or eight apartments on the top three floors and a restaurant and a bakery on the ground floor.

The restaurant owner, who was pulled out of the rubble told police that between 10 and 15 persons were having lunch in the restaurant when the building collapsed at 2:30 P.M. (13:30 GMT).

Local firefighters immediately began clearing the rubble, and reinforcements were summoned from nearby towns.

Massimo Bernieri, the chief of the Pisa Fire Department, said the clearing operation will be slow. A huge searchlight was brought in to aid the rescue.

"I was coming down the stairs when I saw flames and felt a violent explosion," said Piero Falciati, who lived on the second floor. "The whole building just sank ... I think cleared tons of bricks to get out."

Reforms could cost millions

Activists demand basic rights for animals

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (R) — The sheep are bored. The chickens suffer from heat stress. And it's too drafty for the cows. That's the situation down on the farm nowadays, according to 'animal rights' activists whose campaign to change things could prove a costly headache for American farmers.

The issue was in focus here this week in a session on animal care and welfare during the annual meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Opponents of drastic reforms say they would sharply curtail food output and cost farmers millions of dollars. They also argue that it is in the farmer's best interest to look after his animals, as the more healthy and content they are, the more productive they are likely to be.

The activists are demanding five basic rights for animals: The freedoms to get up, lie down, turn around, stretch, and groom or preen.

They cited some of the conditions farm animals have to put up with:

- Sheep in confinement suffer from boredom, poor ventilation and inadequate lighting.
- Poultry inflicted by summer heat stress and overcrowding.
- Cattle being prepared for slaughter on feeding lots lack wind-breaks confined cattle and calves have inadequate bedding.

Christine Stevens president of the Animal Welfare Institute in Washington, D.C. told the meeting that in intensive farm systems, laying hens are confined to small, overcrowded battery cages where they cannot spread their wings.

Conditions are so crowded not all of the hens can stand on the cage floor simultaneously, she said. Slanted wire floors also cause foot deformities, she added.

Mrs. Stevens attacked what she termed the ridiculous luxury trade in white veal which she said, restricts iron content in the calves' feed "to the very edge of causing clinical anaemia."

"If the meat is merely pink, as normal, healthy veal should be, the farmer is likely to be checked as much as 10 cents a pound by the slaughterhouse," she added.

Discussing animal transport Stevens said

the 1873 act passed by the U.S. Congress, and still basically in force, only protects animals traveling by rail. It does not take into account the increased use of trucks in which animals are often badly handled, she alleged.

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King to honor varsity members, Turki says

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Riyadh University Rector Dr. Mansour Ibrahim Al-Turki said here Sunday that King Khaled's patronage of the university's silver jubilee celebrations Tuesday is a matter of great pride and privilege for the teachers and students of the university.

He said the King's presence and then his dedication of the King Khaled Teaching Hospital is a testimony of the royal encouragement to educational progress in the Kingdom.

Turki welcomed Crown Prince Fahd who will attend the celebrations, and said that he has always been a patron and guide of the university staff and students since its inception 25 years ago.

Turki said the hospital, including the Medical College, is built in an area of 93,000 sq. meters. The four-story hospital has 830 beds and is one of the highest hospitals of the Kingdom. It will be like a medical center to serve the objectives of health education in the university, besides rendering health services to the public.

The hospital and the university's existing King Abdul Aziz Teaching Hospital will be educational institutions under the medical college and will coordinate with each other in the matter of training men and women medical students, he added.

Turki said the university's future plans and programs are assessed and prepared on the basis of the strategy provided by the

Ministry of Planning. He added that all programs are approved only after their study by the experts from the ministry of planning and the university. He said the university aims to prepare and enable students to contribute in the economic, social and cultural progress of the country.

The university chief said that its present five-year plan is similar to the plans of all other state machinery, which underline increasing the number of teaching staff from the national cadre. He added that complete Saudization was not an easy task as some people may think. In this context, he mentioned that many of the most prominent universities still engage foreigners as members of the teaching staff.

The university plans to establish College of Public Health and College of Environmental Designing. He, however, denied there was a plan to set up a college of information unless a need arises in the future. The information department at the Faculty of Literature has helped a good deal in supplying national cadre to the local media institutions. The department also has organized courses for media men engaged in different information services in the country, he said.

Referring to the university's development, Turki said that sophisticated laboratory equipments are being used in every faculty, because universities play a most prominent part in the educational and cultural advancement of any society. Besides, the



Dr. Mansour Al-Turki

university organizes seminars and debates, of which during the past year more than 100 were held on different social and cultural occasions.

Turki said that a statute has been issued to set up a college for higher studies, with a view to supervising the programs and mapping the general policies, besides looking after their coordination and implementation. He added that presently facilities for higher studies are available in the faculties of literature, education, agriculture and administrative sciences. Besides, approval has been accorded for higher studies in pharmacology and finishing touches are being given to the Faculty of Engineering to begin courses in higher studies, he said.

Regarding scholarships, Turki said that, during the past five years, 2,853 scholarships were granted, in addition to 500 this year. The grantees were mostly from Arab and Islamic countries, he added.

On the university township whose foundation-stone was laid by King Khaled in early 1976, Turki said the project's implementation has undergone prolonged phases of study and planning. The academic area is expected to be completed by 1984, as planned. The presses and playgrounds have been shifted to the university township, he said, and other facilities which have been completed include a swimming pool, a hall for indoor games, warehouses, power and water plants and some other facilities.

Speaking about the housing project, Turki said it will include full-fledged housing complexes, equipped with all necessary services and directly linked to the academic side of the township. The first phase of housing for the teaching staff, consisting of 672 units, has been completed together with a recreational center, a mosque and a shopping center. Likewise, the first phase of student hostels, consisting of 34 buildings with 4,000 rooms, has been completed, he added.

Fateh to mark 17th anniversary here

By Scott Pendleton
Arab News Staff

RIYADH, Dec. 27 — Celebrations to mark the seventeenth anniversary of Fateh's revolution to free Palestine will take place throughout the Kingdom, the Fateh office in Riyadh has announced.

Beginning Thursday in Dammam, the celebrations will include speeches by regional governors expressing the support of the Saudi government and people for the Palestinian struggle, according to Abu Shaker, chief of the Fateh office, Sunday.

Celebrations will take place Jan. 2 in Riyadh, Jan. 5 in Taif, Jan. 7 in Makkah, and Jan. 10 in Jeddah, and at later dates in Tabuk, Ahsa and other locations in the Kingdom.

Speaking at a press conference, Abu

Shaker said that Palestinians will continue their struggle until they have their victory. The Palestinians use guns because they have not achieved their rights any other way, he said. They waited for more than 15 years for the United Nations or other countries to produce a solution in which Palestinians could return to their farms and homes, he said.

Abu Shaker counseled patience, noting that the revolution is only 17 years old. The Algerian revolution began in the 1800s, showing that the process of regaining territory takes time.

He thanked King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, and the government and people of Saudi Arabia for their support in the form of money and weapons since 1965, when the revolution was born. Abu Shaker said.

Regarding the disagreement between Israel and the United States over annexation of the Golan Heights, Abu Shaker said that the Palestinians feel there is no clear difference between Israeli and American policy. Israel withdrew from the Sinai in 1956 at the order of President Eisenhower. Why didn't the Americans do the same in 1967 and why don't they do it now? Shaker asked.

Regarding the Saudi Arabian peace proposal, Abu Shaker said that inclusion of the proposal on the Fez agenda has made it an Arab proposal. He added that the proposal has many valuable points. The Palestinian people evaluates the proposal from the standpoint of giving them many of their rights. The seventh point of the proposal, granting all states in the region the right to exist, was to be discussed at Fez but that didn't take place, Abu Shaker said.

He added that no Palestinian in the world will refuse to have an independent state with Jerusalem as its capital.

Abu Shaker said that Palestinians — Jews, Christians and Muslims — have always lived together as a family. The struggle began when imperialism created Zionism, which wants the whole region for Jews only.

The only thing which prevents the people from living together in peace is Zionism, and the leader of Zionism in Israel is the government and its military forces, he said, who prevents our people from returning to our country to live? Abu Shaker asked. It is the Israeli government, not our side, he said.

For telephone expansion

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By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 27 — Infrastructure for the Kingdom telephone expansion program, the world's fastest developing, are being carried out at more than 1,000 project sites this year, according to a report by Saudi Telephone Sunday. These projects are valued at more than SR330 million.

The huge program comprises a variety of buildings and projects, the report said. Interior improvements and landscaping are being carried out in Riyadh on the new administration building. Riyadh's public offices also are being modernized to provide better service for citizens.

About SR38 million is being spent on new work centers in Hofuf, Kharij, Shaqra, Buraydah, Qatif and Alkhobar. The work centers incorporate vehicle repair facilities, administration space, warehouses, guard-houses, mosques, generators, gas stations and security storage yards. A typical work center site can accommodate 100 service vehicles and employee parking for 85 cars.

SR26m contract let

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved Sunday the awarding of a SR26 million contract for the Hada water project. The contract, awarded to a national company, includes building an underground water tank with a capacity of 5,000 cubic meters at an elevated area in Hada. The contract also provides for supply and installation of water pipes.

Madinah U opens media division

MADINAH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Madinah Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen dedicated Sunday the mass communications department of the Religious Studies College at Madinah Islamic University.

The university's Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdullah Al-Zayed welcomed Prince Abdul Mohsen in a statement on the occasion and thanked him on behalf of the university's staff for his continuous support and encouragement.

Zayed said that the university is going through an era of prosperity and expansion in all fields of knowledge. "This is more evident if one compares the number of students enrolled at its establishment which did not exceed 200. Now it caters to 7,000 students of 100 nationalities," he

said. Mass communications has become an important field of knowledge, especially when it is based on the teachings of the Holy Quran and the Prophet's Sunna, he stressed.

The department's establishment was approved by the university Senate. Crown Prince Fahd, who is the chancellor of the university, later approved the introduction, Zayed said, adding that "expansion is under consideration for transforming the department into a college of mass communications."

Prince Abdul Mohsen also stressed the importance of the media in promoting the Islamic principles at a time when hostile elements are fighting this faith.

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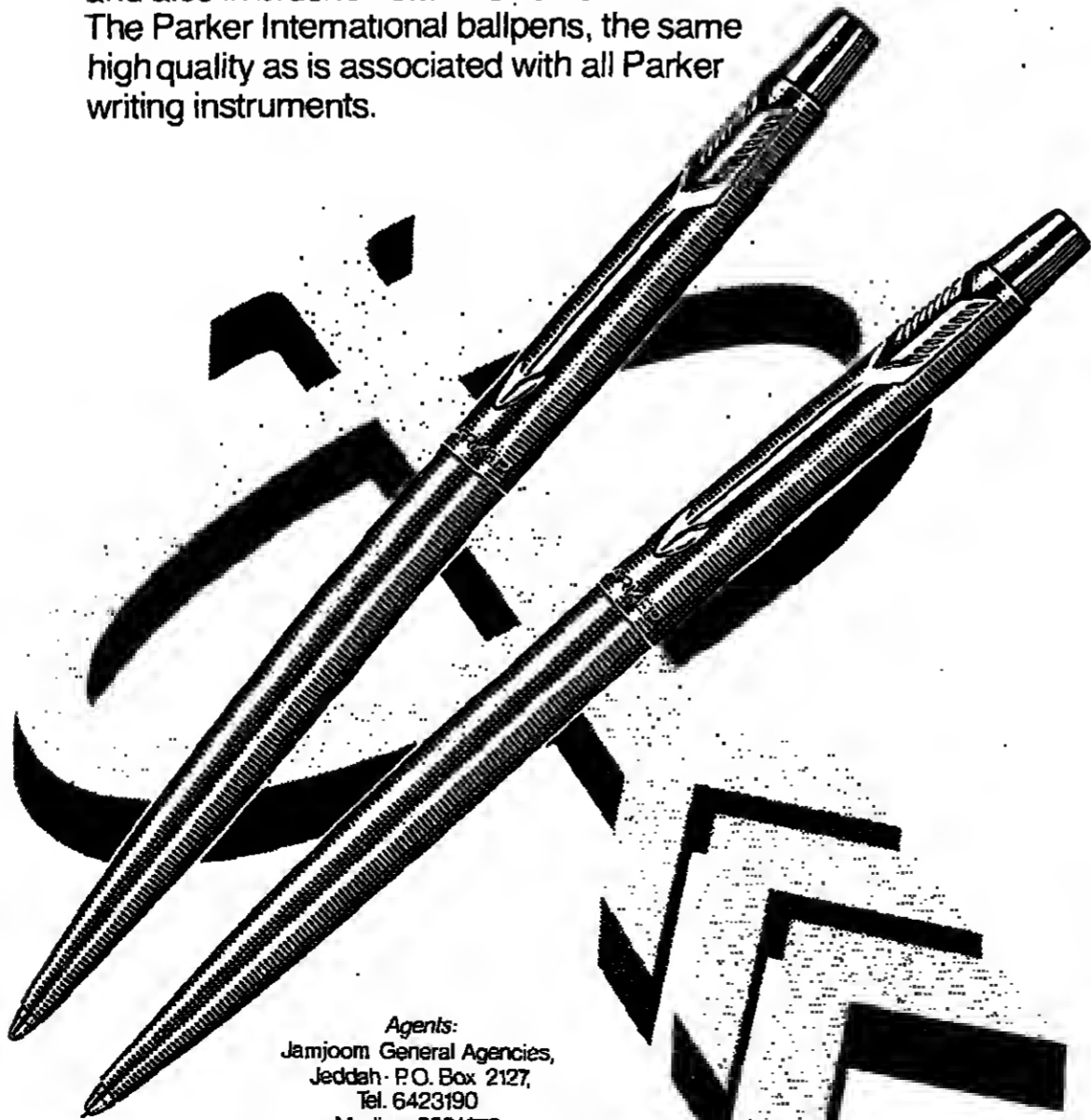
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Kingdom, Iraq sign border pact

Prince Naif affirms support for Baghdad in its struggle

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif returned here from Baghdad early Sunday morning concluding a one-day visit during which he conveyed to President Saddam Hussein a message from King Khaled and signed a border demarcation agreement with his Iraqi counterpart Saadoun Shaker.

He was welcomed by Deputy Interior

neutral zone between the two countries, he said. The treaty is the outcome of six years of work and it will be submitted to the higher authorities for endorsement and exchange of documents, Prince Naif said.

Discussing another subject, the prince said the Kingdom has circulated proposals similar to the Saudi-Bahraini security agreement to the interior ministers of Arab Gulf states.



Prince Naif

in defense of Iraq's territorial integrity and sovereignty, but also the entire Arab world's. Iraq, he said, sincerely wished that its relations be built on fraternity and mutual trust, but it is Iran who slammed shut all doors and chose to undermine its security, which made it imperative for Iraq to defend itself. The Kingdom appreciates Iraq's heroic stance," he said.

Speaking after the signing ceremony in Baghdad Saturday, Prince Naif said Saudi Arabia stands fully by Iraq's side, considering it both a national and religious duty. The treaty is a manifestation of cooperation and good intentions, he added.

Saudi Arabia is keen to further its cooperation with Iraq, the prince said. The two countries can achieve a lot for the welfare of the Arab and Islamic nations through joint efforts and can be positive factors for stability in the region, he added.

Prince Naif was received by President Saddam Hussein and conveyed the message of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd. He also held talks with Izzat Ibrahim, vice president of the revolutionary command council, on further boosting bilateral relations.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi interior minister in a statement made a strong appeal to all the Arab states to join hands for foiling plots and conspiracies directed against the security and peace of the region.

Riyadh-Doha agreement favored

DOHA, DEC. 27 (SPA) — Qatar will soon sign a joint security agreement with Saudi Arabia, according to Interior Minister Sheikh Khaled bin Hamad Al Thani Sunday.

He was quoted by *Al-Riyadh* newspaper as saying that his country also favored signing a collective security agreement for all the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) because security and stability of the region are closely related.

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The kingdom and Bahrain signed a security agreement last Saturday when Interior Minister Prince Naif visited Bahrain. Prince Naif urged the signing of similar agreements between the GCC member states as a prelude to a collective security system under the GCC umbrella.

"We are waiting for the determination of the date and place for signing the agreements," he said.

Asked whether the Kingdom will present a working paper to the forthcoming conference of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) interior ministers, Prince Naif said items on the agenda will be determined by the GCC Secretariat General.

Meanwhile, Prince Naif declared that the war between Iraq and Iran is fought not only

Minister Prince Ahmad and a number of senior officials.

In an arrival statement, he said the agreement was in fact the amended version of the Muhammadah and Berditoklat Al-Aqr treaty.

The new treaty between the governments of the two countries aims at determining borders and fixing them with permanent landmarks. It comprises new items and divides the

Yamani upholds Fahd's tour

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd visited a few projects in the Eastern Province implemented by the government after attending the graduation ceremony of the first batch of doctors at King Faisal University in Dammam last week. Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Sunday.

The minister added that Prince Fahd had taken advantage of his presence in the province and inspected work sites and met with officials in charge. His inspection tour covered educational, health, industrial, agricultural, water, roads, electricity, municipal, mosques transportation and welfare

activities. Yamani said that the crown prince stressed to the officials he met that they were appointed to serve the public in their varying positions and that they were responsible for executing the instructions of King Khaled and his government's policy to provide all services to citizens and simplify as much as possible the administrative procedures.

The minister said that Prince Fahd has expressed admiration for the progress achieved in all sectors he visited and reaffirmed his confidence in the abilities of the personnel in the operation and administration of the projects.

Firm penalties applied

Jeddah traffic accidents drop

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 27 — The number and gravity of traffic accidents in Jeddah have been considerably reduced in the past years to a minimum of five and a maximum of eight per day, according to the Deputy Traffic Director here Maj. Ali Al-Bar.

Maj. Bar told *Okaz* newspaper Sunday that the city has an average of 70,000 to 80,000 cars plying during a 24 hour period. "The number of accidents is really quite small considering the number of cars," he said attributing the decrease to increased traffic awareness, improved driving and closer supervision by the traffic department.

He said that firmer penalties against drivers and violations of the rules have led to a drop in accidents and higher respect for the law. This has in turn made driving safer in the city.

He added that the traffic departments' supervision takes three forms including cars,

motorbikes and foot patrols. "This is done throughout the day and night inside the city and in the ring roads leading to and from it."

Maj. Bar pointed out that football matches cause trouble because the large stadium in Jeddah can accommodate 30,000 spectators while the parking area cannot take more than 1,500 cars. Since a lot of spectators go to the match in their own cars, the result is more bottlenecks and disrupted traffic soon after the match is over.

The solution, at least on temporary basis, lies in transmitting such big matches by television so that a great number of would-be watchers would prefer to stay at home and see their favorite match in comfort. This can be done by increasing the fees paid by the information Ministry, which owns the television service football clubs for transmission rights. The clubs stand to lose revenue if more enthusiasts stayed at home instead of paying the entrance fee to the stadium.

Bar said the Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) has certainly not failed. It has a positive role to play but there should be greater cooperation with the traffic department. He said he hoped that it will extend its services to other areas notably those in the southern part of the city.

Saudi-Yemeni week planned

JEDDAH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — A fraternity week between the Kingdom and Yemen Arab Republic North Yemen will be held here next February, it was announced Sunday.

The week will include seminars, an exhibition of Yemeni Books, handicraft and artistic works under the supervision of the information ministries in the two countries.

Dental magazine issued

RIYADH, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Riyadh University Dental College's cultural committee printed the second issue of its monthly magazine which is edited and prepared by the college's students. The magazine deals with the benefits of cleaning and protecting teeth against diseases. Articles, contributed by the students, include scientific, literary, cultural and religious subjects.

OIC official in UAE

ABU DHABI, Dec. 27 (SPA) — Bakary Drame, assistant secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) for cultural affairs, arrived here Saturday on a three-day visit to the United Arab Emirates.

Drame, who also is assistant secretary general of the Islamic Solidarity Fund, will discuss with UAE officials the proposed Islamic Court of Justice.

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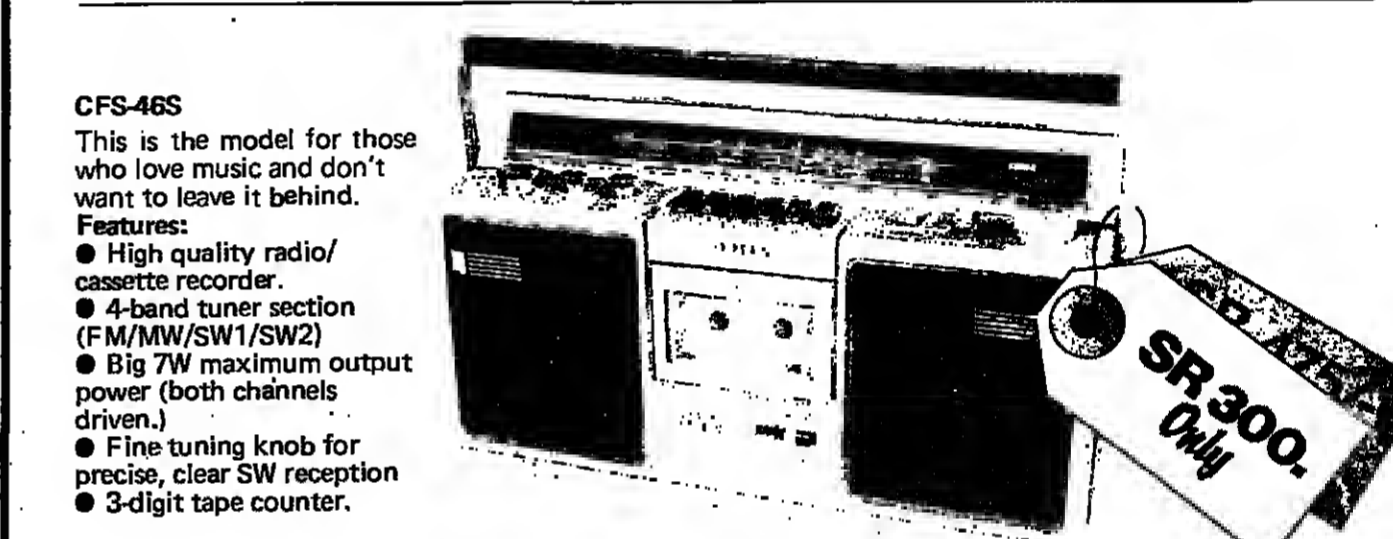
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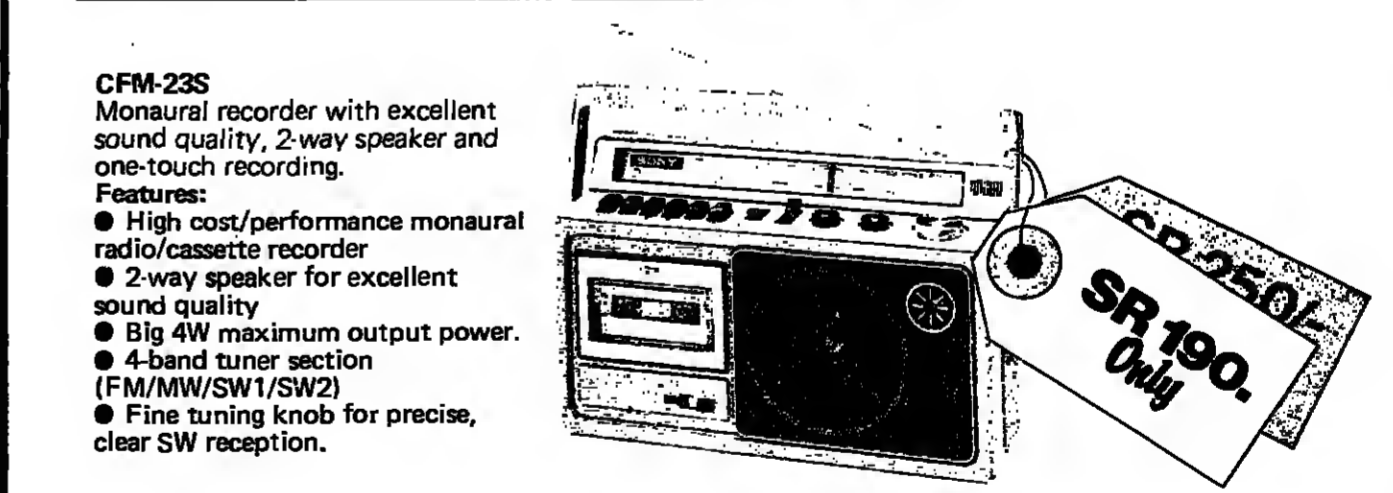
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Including religious extremists

Egypt releases new batch of detainees

CAIRO, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — A group of 39 religious fundamentalists, journalists and politicians including Omar Telmessani, editor of *Al-Dawa*, the monthly organ of the banned Muslim Brotherhood, detained four months ago by the late President Anwar Sadat for involvement in sectarian troubles, were released Saturday.

The Middle East News Agency said the prosecutor general ordered their release for old age, health conditions and some other humanitarian reasons. Telmessani is in his 70s.

Telmessani, a severe critic of Sadat's system of government, pledged support for President Hosni Mubarak in a prison interview with the Egyptian magazine *October* earlier this month.

Among those released were Salah Ashmawi, also an editor of *Al-Dawa*, left-wing journalists Samir Tadros and Salah Eisa of the Unionist Progressive Party (UPP), and Fouad Noshi, official spokesman of the opposition Socialist Labor Party (SLP).

They were among 1,536 religious extremists and political opponents detained by Sadat as part of wide-ranging measures to cope with sectarian clashes that erupted in Cairo's Zawiyah Al-Hamra slum last summer and a series of bombings and burnings over the past three years.

Mubarak, who took over following Sadat's

assassination last October, has released 48 of the political detainees after they were cleared of charges. This leaves 1,449 still in detention, according to official count.

Sadat's measures also included disbanding religious groups that have allegedly contributed to the unrest and withdrew state recognition of Pope Shenouda III, the spiritual leader of the nation's largest minority and appointed a five-man papal council to run the affairs of the church.

Shenouda has a following of six million among Egypt's predominantly Muslim population of 44 million. The Coptic Church also has some 22 million followers in Ethiopia, the United States, Australia, Canada and Europe.

Mubarak met Saturday with the papal council but there was no official word on what prompted the meeting or the subject of discussions.

The semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* said later that Mubarak stressed on the church's role in cementing national unity during his meeting with the papal council. It said the fate of Shenouda, currently isolated in a western desert monastery, or a number of detained priests was not discussed.

Copts have been hoping that Mubarak would rescind Sadat's decision regarding them since Telmessani and other fundamentalists were freed.

Bettors, horses stampede

Explosion rocks race track in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 27 (AP) — An explosion followed by gunfire in Beirut's mid-city horse race track panicked a record turnout of 8,000 spectators into a fleeing stampede on Sunday and stopped the races indefinitely for the third time since Lebanon's 1975-76 civil war.

Cancellation of the races was announced over the track's loudspeaker system a few minutes after an explosive charge went off in an empty area separating the first and second class of the jam-packed galleries at 2:00 p.m. local time (1200 GMT).

The blast was followed by intermittent volleys of machine gun fire as 12 Arabian steeds were taking up positions on the start line for the third race of the seven-race weekly event. The horses fled in various directions as bettors and spectators stampeded through the track's two exits in the area which separates east and west Beirut.

The Beirut track, one of the few in the world that races Arabian steeds exclusively, is guarded by heavily armed troops from a

22,000-man Syrian army that polices the civil war armistice.

Officers on the scene said they could not determine what caused the explosion or where the gunfire came from. But they said there were no casualties among horses or bettors.

The track has an average attendance of 5,000, but gate employees reported 8,000 tickets were sold this Sunday. They attributed the record turnout to a close competition between the track's two largest stable owners, to top the winning list of the races for 1981.

The pinewood-lined Beirut track was caught in the cross fire of warring rightist and leftist militias in 1978 and 1980 causing a 13-month and six-month interruption of the races respectively.

The track is one of the few fun spots in Beirut where people mix unaffected by sectarian animosity. Its closure in the two previous instances was followed by escalated hostilities along the five-kilometer green line



Omar Telmessani

Interior Minister Nabawi Ismail said earlier this week that 2,500 religious fundamentalists were arrested following Sadat's death. The late president was killed Oct. 6 while reviewing a military parade by a four-man suicide squad led by Army Lt. Khaled el-Islambouly.

The four assassins are among 24 persons belonging to various fundamentalist groups currently under trial by a military tribunal for involvement in the assassination plot.

Iran denies buying arms from USSR

BEIRUT, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — Iran's Prime Minister Mir Hussein Musavi Sunday denied a Dec. 23 State Department report which charged Iran was purchasing arms from the Soviet Union, Tehran radio reported. Musavi was quoted by the radio as saying that his country obtained most of its arms from the "free market."

Iran which has been at war with neighboring Iraq for the past 15 months has a largely American equipped arsenal but has been unable to obtain spare parts for its equipment since the 1979 revolution which led to the seizure of American diplomats in Tehran.

"Iran will buy arms for the war with Iraq from wherever it sees fit. But these purchases are not done in a way that would create special relationships with either of the superpowers, Western or Eastern," Musavi said.

He admitted that Iran's arms purchases on the black market were more costly for the ailing Iranian economy, "but it means not swaying toward the East or the West," the prime minister added.

In the meantime, the London *Sunday Times* said Sunday an Iranian military delegation just made a secret trip to Washington to try and persuade the Pentagon to resume U.S. arms sales to Iran.

Three Iranian officers led by a Lt. Col. Reza Mosharraf went to Washington via Paris and returned home last week, the weekly newspaper said. "They asked the Americans to honor contracts made with the late Shah for spare parts for Iranian air force Phantom F-4s and F-14s through 1985," it said.

Tehran radio also quoted Iran's minister of Islamic guidance as saying that the clergy-led regime is weak in propaganda. He gave no details.

The fundamentalist regime of Ayatollah Khomeini is preparing mass celebrations for the third anniversary of the revolution on Feb. 11.

Meanwhile, Iran is to send abroad 25 delegations to "convey the message of the Islamic revolution" and set up photo exhibitions on the war with Iraq, the Iranian Pars news agency quoted a member of the Supreme Islamic Information Council as saying Sunday.

Pars quoted Hojatoleslam Ahmad Jannati as saying in Tehran that among countries to be visited would be India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Philippines, North Korea, China, Turkey, Libya, Syria, Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Gabon, Senegal, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, South Yemen, Nigeria, the Ivory Coast, Malaysia and Singapore.

Israeli settlers in Sinai mull compensation offer

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27 (AP) — Israeli settlers in the northern Sinai town of Yamit Sunday considered a government call to negotiate financial compensation, but fortified the town with sandbags, barbed wire and trenches in preparation for a blockade and possible clash with troops.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government issued a communique calling on the settlers "to come to practical negotiations... in order to arrange the compensation they deserve". The settlers initially rejected the call, saying the government was not offering them anything new.

Settlers in Yamit, due to be turned over to Egypt next April 26, threatened to barricade the town, as they did for four days earlier this month. "People are not fighting for ideology — they're fighting for their future, for getting started all over again in another place," Haim Feifel, a Yamit storeowner, told Israel radio.

"When it gets down to that kind of expression, it may lead to some kind of violence," said Feifel. "I hope not, but there are extremists who talk this way."

Sources in Yamit said the settlers welded shut two of the town's three gates, dug communications trenches around its perimeter and equipped themselves with helmets, shields and clubs in anticipation of a clash with troops.

Negotiations between the settlers and authorities broke down after the government rejected demands by about 100 of the town's businessmen for compensation of \$235,000 to \$260,000 each for their homes and businesses.

Cabinet Secretary Ariele Naor said Israel would not delay its pullback from the Sinai peninsula. "We shall carry out every commitment that we have taken upon ourselves," he said.

Meanwhile, a split appeared to develop between the Yamit settlers seeking compensation and members of the anti-withdrawal movement, opposed together to leaving the Sinai. The movement has launched a petition campaign aimed at gathering one million signatures from Israelis opposed to the pullback.

America can force Israelis to accept just peace — China

PEKING, Dec. 27 (AP) — China's official Xinhua news agency has said that if the United States changes its Middle East policy to protect "its larger global strategic interests, it will surely have the means to force Israel to accept the reasonable demands of the Arab nation."

"A prolonged delay in the settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict would help the Soviet Union to sow dissension among the Arab states, expand its sphere of influence in the Middle East and intensify its contention with the U.S. for hegemony," Xinhua said Saturday.

"In that case, the Middle East region, a hot spot of the world, could really touch off a catastrophe," it added.

Xinhua said, "It appears that a com-

prehensive and just settlement of the Middle East question depends largely on the determined efforts of the Arab countries to work out a united strategy and a united plan on the basis of the Saudi (Arabian peace) proposal.

"The Arab states will be in a much more favorable position to win world public support and isolate the Israeli expansionists if they can quickly iron out their differences and jointly work out a realistic and reasonable formula," it said. "At the same time, the international community should also force Israel to accept a comprehensive and just solution," the agency added.

But Xinhua said the United States "does not change its stand of being partial to Israel although it pays greater attention than before to the sentiments and demands of the Arab countries."

Egypt, Sudan discuss foreign policy

CAIRO, Dec. 27 (R) — Sudanese first Vice-President and Defense Minister Abdul-Magid Hamid Khalil Sunday discussed foreign policy coordination and integration plans with Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, officials said.

Gen. Khalil is in Egypt to attend meetings of an Egyptian-Sudanese military coordina-

tion committee.

Monday, the two countries will sign a military protocol to strengthen ties between their armed forces, the officials said. Egypt and Sudan are already bound by a mutual defense treaty signed in 1976.

The Sudanese vice-president is accompanied by Foreign Minister Muhammad Mirghani Mubarak.

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Kuwait minister says

Assad seeking Arab summit on Golan

KUWAIT, Dec. 27 (R) — Syria's President Hafez Assad is seeking an early Arab summit conference to deal with Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights, a Kuwaiti minister disclosed Sunday. President Assad arrived in South Yemen Sunday on a tour to gather support for his campaign against Israel that has also taken him to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and North Yemen.

The Kuwait cabinet Sunday discussed President Assad's visit. The health minister and acting government spokesman, Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, said later Kuwait and Syria had agreed an Arab summit was necessary to achieve Arab solidarity.

"The two sides emphasized the necessity of all kings and heads of state taking part in the summit," the spokesman told reporters after the cabinet meeting.

"It was agreed to undertake more consultations among the Arab countries to avoid what happened at Fez, Morocco," he said, adding that Kuwait and Syria agreed that Arab foreign ministers should make quick preparations for the summit.

Assad began his current tour in Saudi Arabia, which voiced strong support for Syria. The Saudi Arabian leaders said the Arabs should consider other options if they failed to recover Israeli-occupied territory by peaceful means.

Political sources said Arab governments would decide on the summit after Jan. 5, when a Security Council ultimatum to Israel to rescind its annexation legislation expires. The council resolution, backed by the United States, said Israel would face "appropriate

measures" if it did not comply. Israel has already rejected the demand.

Sanaa radio Sunday quoted Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam as saying President Assad's talks with North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh had been successful. "The two leaders had unanimous views on all issues concerning the Arab struggle against the Zionist enemy and facilitating common Arab action," he said.

Assad was expected to leave South Yemen Monday, but it was not clear whether he would extend his tour to Algeria and Libya. Syria, South Yemen, Libya, Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) are members of the so-called Arab Steadfastness and Confrontation Front against Israel.

In Damascus, the state-run radio called on the Arabs to achieve a strategic military balance with Israel as part of their efforts to liberate the occupied lands and guarantee Palestinian rights. The radio listed a series of principles for joint Arab action, including one stating that "determing aggression and foiling Zionist expansionist plans requires the provision of a force effective enough to achieve a strategic military balance in the arena of struggle."

The radio commentary also declared it was essential for the Arabs to "show up Israeli policy, which is based on aggression and expansion, to provide an international climate that will isolate Israel."

The radio said international action by the Arabs had already borne fruit in the U.N. demand that Israel rescind the annexation law.

BRIEFS

LAHORE, (AP) — The head of Pakistan's top religious court said Saturday that corrupt civil servants should be "shot in public" in a campaign to root out official abuses including bribery. Justice Sheikh Aftab Hussein, chairman of the Federal Shariat (Islamic law) court, told an audience that he suggested a measure at a recent meeting of regime officials in Islamabad.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Eleven Palestinian students from a women's teachers college at Ramallah in the Israeli-occupied West Bank were sentenced Sunday to suspended jail terms and fines of 5,000 shekels (\$333), according to informed sources here. A military court found them guilty of taking part in demonstrations causing a breach of the peace.

MOGADISHU, (AFP) — Somalia's People's Assembly (parliament) opened its second session of the year here Saturday night to debate the state budget and ratify draft laws and agreements. The opening ceremony of the session, which is to continue until next Sunday, was attended by foreign diplomats based in Mogadishu. Assembly President Muhammad Ibrahim Ahmad in a speech to delegates said that more than 40 draft laws

and agreements were submitted this year to the assembly for ratification.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al-Sabah left here Sunday following a four-day official visit that included talks with Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid and Premier Muhammad Abdulghani.

MUNICH, (AP) — A controversial West German rocket firm has closed down a testing ground in Libya and removed its employees from that country, the company's chief executive officer said Sunday.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — The chief of staff of the revolutionary guard in the capital Sunday announced 172 arrests in the Tehran area in recent months among groups of "hypocrites" (official name for the Mujabedeen Khalq opposition movement), Peykar and the minority Fedayeen.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — U.S. Senator Charles Percy arrived Sunday in Israel on a Mideast tour. Percy, who heads the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, is to meet with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other Israeli leaders before traveling on to Jordan Wednesday.



Urges Soviets to withdraw troops

Reagan hails Afghan freedom fighters

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — U.S. President Reagan on Sunday praised the "courageous people of Afghanistan" and said that two years after the Soviet intervention, the Afghan resistance movement has "effectively" denied the Soviets control of most of Southwest Asian nation.

Reagan said the Soviet effort to "establish a puppet government" had failed and Soviet control "extends little beyond the major cities. Even there, the Afghan freedom fighters often hold sway by night and sometimes even by day. The battle for Afghan independence continues."

The written statement, issued by the White House as Reagan left for California and a week-long vacation, came two years after Soviet forces entered Afghanistan on Dec. 27, 1979 to support President Babrak Karmal and his pro-Moscow government.

The cost of the Afghan resistance has been almost two million refugees, or 20 percent of the population before the Soviet troops moved in, the statement said.

Reagan also charged that "those who have remained at home have become the unfortunate victims not only of the dislocations of war, but also of indiscriminate Soviet attacks on civilians."

While he admires the resistance fighters, Reagan said, "We must also express our deep sympathy for those innocent victims of Soviet imperialism who have fled."

Reagan called upon the Soviet Union to take advantage of proposals by other nations to withdraw its forces from Afghanistan "so that an independent and nonaligned nation can be re-established with a government responsive to the desires of the people (and) so that the millions of Afghans who have sought refuge in other countries can return with honor to their homes."

"As long as the Soviet Union occupies Afghanistan in defiance of the international community, the heroic Afghan resistance will continue and the United States will support the cause of a free Afghanistan," said Reagan.

"Despite the presence of 90,000 Soviet combat troops, a recent increase of some 5,000, the courageous people of Afghanistan have fought back. Today, they effectively deny Soviet forces control of most of Afghanistan."

Meanwhile, a bomb blast in central Kabul killed three persons on the eve of the second anniversary of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, radio Kabul reported

Sunday. World reaction to the second anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan continued Sunday.

West Germany marked the anniversary Sunday by renewing demands for the withdrawal of Moscow's 90,000 troops there.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said in a statement in Bonn: "... We join the majority of states in calling once again on the Soviet Union to respect the will of the Afghan people, expressed so dramatically in resistance and mass exodus, to withdraw its troops from the country and enable the Afghan people to exercise without restraint its right to independence and self-determination."

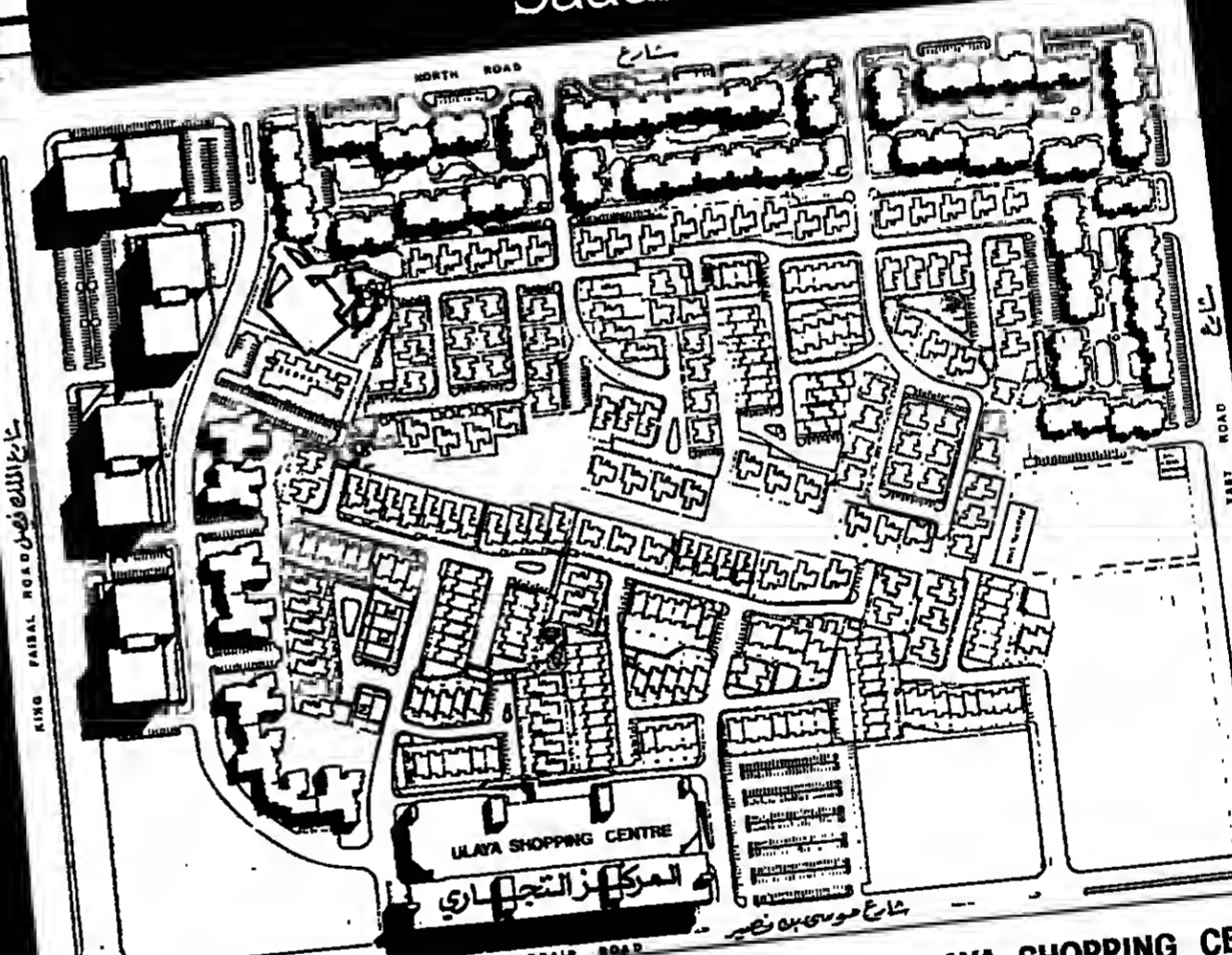
In Belgrade, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug Sunday said the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan was a complete tragedy which had left the country torn by civil war.

In Islamabad, about 150 Afghan refugees, mostly women and children, Sunday demonstrated in Islamabad to protest the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan. Marchers attempting to reach the Soviet Embassy were stopped by police, sources said.

In Tehran, several thousand Afghan nationals living in Iran demonstrated peacefully at a big square Sunday.

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U.S., Europe split over Turkey

By Kenneth Mackenzie

ANKARA — There is a growing division between Europe and the United States over the 15-month-old military coup in Turkey. The generals face increasing ostracism from their European allies, who are critical of the slow pace of return to civilian rule. But the relationship with Washington has flourished.

This contrast in attitudes was vividly illustrated by a series of events early this month. On Dec. 4, a few hours after the American defense secretary, Caspar Weinberger, flew into Ankara for talks with the leaders of the military regime, the European Commission recommended that financial aid to Turkey be cut off.

The European protest was triggered by the imprisonment of former Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit for defying a military decree forbidding former politicians from making political statements. A day after the European bombshell, the Turks were lavishly praised by Weinberger. He lauded the generals' successes against terrorism, and argued that only in a society where law and order prevailed could human rights prosper. That was exactly what the generals wanted to hear.

He acknowledged the divergence between the Reagan administration and the other NATO allies by saying: "The Europeans must make up their minds and we must make up ours."

Weinberger's visit was to have been followed by further talks in Ankara between the American secretary of state, Alexander Haig, and Gen. Kenan Evren, the Turkish head of state, but because of the Polish crisis Haig had to postpone his trip.

Nonetheless, enough has happened to commit Turkey more closely to the Americans than at any time since the era of Adnan Menderes in the 1950s. The Reagan administration has indicated that it will try to offset the loss of European credits (which now seems probable) with increased American aid — military as well as economic. In the present financial year Turkey is to receive \$703 million from the Americans; next year, Congress permitting, the figure is expected to be more, so the Turks are not alarmed by the rebuff from the Europeans.

The question many observers are asking is: What are the Turks going to offer in return? For a long time senior officials in the Reagan administration have nursed the hope that Turkey might play a key role in Washington's plans for the defense of the Gulf area. So far, however, the Turks have been cool toward the concept of the Rapid Deployment Force.

A variant of the RDF is now being canvassed. Turkey, it is suggested, should permit the stationing of some kind of NATO force in Anatolia, as a bulwark against the reported 24 Soviet divisions deployed in the Caucasus. Again the Turks are wary. Even the military regime is reluctant to get too far involved in advance American planning, for fear this will harm Turkey's relations with Muslim neighbors — and also be seen by the Russians as a provocation.

For the moment, therefore, Turkish-American military cooperation is likely to concentrate on building up Turkey's airfields in Anatolia as a first step toward strengthening the West's air capability at the eastern-most end of NATO. A "memorandum of understanding" on this subject has now been drawn up in Ankara and may be formally signed when Haig eventually visits the Turkish capital, probably at the beginning of next year.

All this does nothing to soften Turkey's dispute with its European allies, but relations with the Europeans will be clarified early next year, when Gen. Evren is to state his regime's plans for restoring democracy. (ONS)



EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

On Tuesday King Khaled will attend the celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of the University of Riyadh. Last week Crown Prince Fahd chose to be present when the King Faisal University Faculty of Medicine graduated the first batch of men and women doctors marking only the second graduation of medical students in the Kingdom. The first batch graduated from King Abdul Aziz University last year which too was attended by Prince Fahd because, as he put it then, it was a singular honor to see the first batch of Saudi-educated doctors begin their medical careers.

There is a certain fascination about education in this country; and 25 years is not such a long time in the history of educational progress anywhere. But the strides taken here are remarkably wide.

Starting nearly from scratch shortly after the foundation of the Kingdom under King Abdul Aziz, the founder, the government struggled with exceedingly meager means to build schools, hire teachers, mostly from Egypt, Syria and Jordan, and buy rudimentary equipment for the few laboratories in the secondary schools. The task was awesome and the resources few and inadequate. Then Prince Fahd made education minister and told to transform the process of learning here by adopting modern means and methods and at the same time adhere to the principles of religion and traditional morality.

The road was long and arduous and there was little by way of budgeting for education. He worked hard and sought the assistance of wealthier citizens to build schools however makeshift they might have been. Today, as he said recently there are 1.4 million boys and girls in thousands of schools, institutes, and three universities. In addition, there are many privately-owned schools under government supervision but this trend is fast diminishing as the need for them is rapidly fading.

All this attachment to education is understandable. The country has ambitious five-year plans which call for large numbers of qualified and trained persons to carry them out, preferably nationals. So, every new graduate or trained technician coming out of college portals means a little less dependence on others to do the job of national reconstruction.

Saudi Arabian press review

The message of Crown Prince Fahd to the Kingdom's universities for carrying out nation-building activities for achieving progress and prosperity on the occasion of the Riyadh University's silver jubilee celebrations and the paramount need for Arab solidarity at this crucial stage figured for editorial comments in Sunday's newspapers.

Dealing with Crown Prince Fahd's message, *Al-Bilad* said it showed the Kingdom's determination to give top priority for education in its national policy. The paper recalled the excellent efforts pursued by Prince Fahd when he was minister of education for promoting education all over the country.

Al-Jazirah, *Al-Yom* and *Al-Madinah* renewed the call for forging Arab solidarity to confront the expansionist policies of the Israeli enemy, especially after the Israeli decision to annex the Syrian Golan Heights.

Al-Jazirah said that the remarks of King Hussein of Jordan, which highlighted the Israeli capability to fight for six months on all fronts simultaneously without any foreign aid clearly serve to warn the Arabs that the Zionist enemy has over the past ten years built itself into a mighty power. "Now is the most appropriate time for the Arabs to consolidate their ranks, so as to be able to

Superpowers wooing Seychelles, but Rene firm on nonalignment

VICTORIA, Seychelles — A long way from almost anywhere astride the world's main oil route, these Edeneseque isles could provide a key base for the Soviet or U.S. Indian Ocean fleets. But President Franke Rene, who seems firmly in control after beating off a mercenary-led coup bid Nov. 25, says he will not alter his course of superpower nonalignment while building his hybrid brand of socialism.

"From the beginning this was our policy — no superpowers here," Rene, who came to power in a 1977 coup, told the Associated Press in an interview. "We have never, never, never been approached by either the United States or the Soviet Union or the British for any facilities here — maybe because we have always said that we will not give them."

The superpowers, however, keep up a quiet courtship of the Seychelles, an archipelago of 92 tropical islands strewn across 390,000 square kms of water about 1,600 kms off Africa's east coast.

The inducements range from \$640,000 a year for school lunches under the U.S. Food for Peace Program to a Soviet gift of 1,160 tons of cement unloaded from the cargo vessel *Novozybkov* last week at Victoria's deepwater port.

"The Soviets are like a good lawyer in a courtroom," remarked a Western diplomat of Moscow's wooing of Rene. "They only ask a question when they know the answer will be yes. But they are

patient people."

The Soviets seem to be using the coup bid — spearheaded by mercenaries recruited in South Africa and at least partly financed by wealthy Seychellois exiles — to score points with the Rene government.

With four days of the mercenaries' rout and their escape to South Africa on a hijacked airliner, a Soviet cruiser and destroyer dropped anchor in the turquoise waters of Victoria in a show of solidarity. An alligator-class amphibious vessel, capable of landing marines, steamed a few days later.

Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Orlov attended an outdoor rally at which Rene thanked the Soviet government for dispatching its ships. He was careful, however, to also thank the French government for sending the *Egide Victor Schoozer*, which arrived a day before the Soviet warships.

Western strategists argue that Soviet admirals covet a base in the Seychelles to counter the American buildup on Diego Garcia, a British-owned speck of sand and coral in the middle of the Indian Ocean about 1,280 kms east of here. The Americans also have access to the port and airfield at Berbera, on Somalia's Gulf of Aden coast, to Mombasa on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast and to Oman on the Arabian Sea.

The Soviets, meanwhile, have established a major base at Aden in South Yemen and an anchorage at the South Yemen island of Socatra at the mouth of the Gulf of Aden. They also have a maintenance facility on the Red Sea island of Nakra, one of Ethiopia's Dahlak group.

Like pieces on a chessboard, the naval facilities are placed along the superpower route to the Middle East, around the Cape of Good Hope to Europe and the United States, or eastward through the Indian Ocean to Japan.

Under a policy laid down by Rene in 1978, each of the superpowers is allowed to send six warships per year to the Seychelles on condition they advise whether the ships are nuclear-powered. But the United States has effectively barred its navy from calling at the islands by refusing to disclose this information.

The Soviets would seem to have the inside track in jockeying for influence in the Seychelles, especially in the wake of the apparent attempt to reinstall the islands' first president, James R. Mancham.

A West European diplomat who talked with Seychelles officials after the coup bid said security had become the watchword and that he expects militants in Rene's government to press for closer ties with the USSR. But another envoy observed that Rene is "clearly the man running the government."

The Soviets have by far the biggest diplomatic representation in this former British colony, with a resident ambassador, about a half-dozen other diplomats and a total embassy staff — all Soviets — estimated at 25 to 30.

The U.S. Embassy here is run by a charge d'affaires with two other diplomats and three staff members. The accredited ambassador also is the U.S. envoy to Kenya and lives there.

Since the ouster of Mancham on June 5, 1977, the rather austere Rene has steered the Seychelles to the left. The president's supporters contend that Mancham, who cultivated a playboy image, wanted to turn the Seychelles into a tropical Monte Carlo for his millionaire cronies. The foreign policy manifesto of Rene's Seychelles People's Progressive Front, the only political party in the islands, says it "will seek to identify itself with the world Socialist movement."

But the socialism of Rene, a 46-year-old barrister, seems far less repressive and doctrinaire than that in most East bloc countries. While providing free medical care, a pension plan and a minimum wage for the 65,000 islanders, Seychelles socialism also features private home ownership, a convertible currency and no foreign exchange controls. Its economy derives about 45 percent of its gross national product from Western tourists.

Rene was hard-pressed in interview to cite a model for his socialism but he said it is akin to that in Yugoslavia which has a heavy dose of capitalism and pursues an independent foreign policy.

The external trappings of socialism are seldom seen in these easy-going islands whose hoodlums stem from the first French planters of the late 18th century, freed African and Madagascan slaves dumped here by the British and American whalers.

The controlled media sometimes call Rene the "ever-determined leader" and a few streets have been named to commemorate his takeover, but there are virtually no authoritative banners or heroic posters. (AP)

Gloomy picture for Central America

MEXICO CITY — Central America faces an uncertain new year, with no end in sight to political violence in El Salvador and fears in Nicaragua of a United States invasion. The undeclared civil war in El Salvador, leftist guerrilla violence in Guatemala, mobilization of troops in Nicaragua and U.S. threats to take action against what it sees as a Cuban connection to the problems in the region make for a gloomy picture.

So volatile is the situation that oil-rich Mexico, a friend of Cuba and Nicaragua, has called for a "truce of silence" among the belligerents to create a climate for peaceful negotiations.

Despite official U.S. assurances it will not send troops to what it considers its backyard, speculation is mounting that Washington has contingency plans which could lead to its first military action in Latin America since Marines were sent to the Dominican Republic in 1965.

Washington firmly believes the root cause of the problems to be what it says is Cuban and Nicaraguan involvement in leftist guerrilla attempts to overthrow the right-wing governments of El Salvador and Guatemala. In particular the U.S. has accused Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista leaders of

complicity in an alleged Cuban-directed flow of arms to Salvadoran guerrillas.

But many people in the region, including those in power, believe the problems to be much more complex and more rooted in social injustice than ideology.

Cuban President Fidel Castro has denied any involvement in the Central American conflict and said only a negotiated political solution could end the undeclared civil war in El Salvador. But the ruling civilian-military junta in El Salvador with the backing of the U.S. is not prepared to negotiate. In his first trip to the region, for the first anniversary of the Sandinista triumph in Nicaragua, Castro said there was no need to incite problems in oppressed countries because "like volcanoes they explode by themselves."

In an apparent attempt to end the killings in El Salvador and break the military stalemate between guerrillas and security forces, Mexico and France last August recognized the leftists as a "representative political force" and called on both sides to enter into negotiations for peace.

But the Franco-Mexican initiative lost much of its impact because of criticism from a majority of Latin American nations which opposed it, not out of support for the policies of the ruling junta but because it went against the principle of non-intervention

and risked internationalizing the conflict.

Washington claims that despite its warnings there has been no sign of an appreciable drop in the alleged arms flow to Salvadoran guerrillas. It is against this backdrop that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has refused to rule out the possibility of U.S. involvement in efforts to overthrow or destabilize Nicaragua's government.

American officials are deeply concerned about the possibility of Nicaragua becoming "another Cuba" in the heart of Central America because of U.S. economic and political interests in the region.

Nicaragua claims the U.S. is planning an invasion or a naval blockade but defiantly says it will stand up to the threat. Since the Sandinistas came to power in a bloody civil war in July, 1979, Cuban influence in Nicaragua, nonexistent during the rule of the Somoza dynasty, has increased. At least 2,000 Cuban teachers and an unknown number of technicians and advisers are now in Nicaragua. Nicaraguan exiles estimate the Sandinistas have built up a 50,000-strong army supported by tens of thousands of militiamen in a nation of 2.5 million people.

Civilian rule returns to Honduras in January when Dr. Roberto Suazo Cordova of the *Centrist Liberal Party* starts a four-year term as president. Suazo Cordova has said: "If El Salvador falls into

the hands of communism, Guatemala will follow and then Honduras."

Other Central American countries which have scheduled elections in the new year are Costa Rica (Feb. 7), Guatemala (March 7) and El Salvador (March 21). Costa Rica has been an oasis of peace in the region since a brief civil war in 1940s led to the abolition of the army. There are few indications of any change in the country's political government in the coming year but, after years of plenty, grave economic problems caused by over-consumption and spending may severely test the fabric of its democracy.

The elections in El Salvadoran Guatemala are not expected to go far toward bringing peace to either country. In addition to the political violence which has claimed some 15,000 lives this year, El Salvador's economy has almost ground to a halt, scores of thousands of people have fled abroad or become refugees in their own countries and an estimated \$126 million in economic aid from the United States has failed to stem the flight of capital or ease grave unemployment.

In neighboring Guatemala, where political violence is also growing, most of the parties contesting the elections are extreme rightists backed by the military and the chances of the left-of-center coalition winning look slim. (R)

Iraq to develop five new giant oil fields

NICOSIA, Dec. 27 (AP) — Iraq plans to develop five new giant oil fields that could eventually increase its production capacity by two million barrels per day, Iraq's oil minister was quoted as revealing in an interview with a weekly.

The minister, Tayeb Abdul-Karim did not give a date for the completion of the development of the new fields in his interview with the authoritative *Middle East Economic Survey* (MEES).

But he said "Service contracts are in the process of being concluded with a number of foreign firms providing for technical services in the development of these fields."

Before the outbreak of the war with Iran in Sept. 1980, Iraq's full production and export capacity was estimated in the region of four million barrels per day MEES said. Abdul-Karim was quoted as saying current export capacity, through the Syrian and Turkish pipelines to the Mediterranean, is slightly less than one million barrels per day. He was hopeful this would rise to 1.3 million barrels per day soon, following the reopening earlier this month of the pipeline feeding the terminal at the Lebanese port of Tripoli, MEES quoted him as saying.

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With falling oil prices

'82 looks bad for Indonesia

JAKARTA, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Indonesia, with the fifth biggest population in the world, faces bleak economic prospects in 1982 against a background of preparations for a May general election expected to return the Suharto government to power.

Weaker world oil prices have reduced Indonesia's oil export earnings, and exports

of non-oil products are also falling, so that the country faces its first trade deficit for some 10 years. Growing labor unrest was also a major concern for the government in 1981 with workers feeling more confident as elections approach.

But the ruling Golkar (functional groups) are still expected to win the election which should reaffirm the position of President Suharto and the role of the armed forces, the principal political force in the country.

Observers expect that the Golkar will again win a majority of the 360 contested seats in the 460-seat parliament, to which the president appoints the remaining 100 members. Consequently, in 1983 the People's Congress (MPR) would appoint President Suharto to a fourth five-year term of office.

The election will be only a two-way contest between Golkar and the Muslim-backed United Development Party (PPP) since the nationalist and Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) — headed by a new chairman — recently swung behind the government. Growing assertiveness by the Muslim community has caused division between the two major PPP groups — the NU (Nahdlatul Ulama) group which is the boldest opponent of the regime in parliament, and the pro-government MI (Muslimin Indonesia).

N.Yemen to have new power plant

SANAA, Dec. 27 (R) — Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait and the OPEC fund have agreed to finance a \$300 million power project in North Yemen, official said Sunday.

The officials from the three Arab countries and the OPEC fund who ended a three-day meeting here decided to meet again early next year to finalize details of the project, which envisages the construction of a 160-megawatt plant at the Red Sea port of Mocha.

In the meantime Iraqi news agency reported in Beirut that Iraqi experts will help assess North Yemen's possible coastal and offshore oil and gas resources under an economic and technical cooperation agreement signed in Baghdad Sunday.

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Japan's record draws envy of West

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (AFP) — The end-of-year vital statistics for the Japanese economy are once again the envy and exasperation of the industrialized world: negligible unemployment of 2 percent, inflation held comfortably below 5 percent, growth up at a tidy 4 percent, and the balance of payments showing a shameless surplus.

This brilliant performance, due in good measure to Japan's gigantic exports, is only slightly less unnerving to the Japanese themselves. With a trade surplus edging toward a record \$15 billion in respect of the United States and \$10 billion vis-a-vis the EEC (European Economic Community), Japan is increasingly the focus of critical resentment by these two trading giants.

Thus, as the year drew to an end, it was almost in the terms of an ultimatum that Washington and Brussels enjoined the Japanese to ease off exports and open their own market wider to the depressed West. If the Japanese point out, justly enough, that the community is a good deal less outspoken concerning its colossal \$23 billion trade deficit with the United States, they are nonetheless growing alarmed at all this ill will — to say nothing of the prospect of protectionist reprisals.

The worst of it is that the Japanese are at a loss to know how to go about remedying a problem that is the product of a radical disparity between their lively economic performance and that of their two straitened

trading partners.

Depending for 80 percent of its energy on foreign supplies, Japan was able nevertheless to adapt dynamically to the second hike in world oil prices which left many other economies reeling the close of the last decade. By thrift, judicious use of energy, economic planning, lavish investment, and research and development, the country was able to quarantine itself effectively from the contagion of inflation in the world at large.

Intent on supreme efficiency and productivity, Japan's forward-looking industrial sector was ploughing 16.2 percent of the G.N.P. (gross national product) into investment — compared with 10.4 percent in the United States. Predictably, the result has been to place Japan worlds ahead of its industrial competitors in the West.

Between 1973 and 1979, productivity in the Japanese manufactured goods sector rose by 6.9 percent — compared with 1.4 percent in the United States. Moreover, the Japanese growth graph seems set to keep climbing, following the drop in the U.S. interest rate and recent moves by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to unify world oil prices.

While the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) has just forecast a further year of semi-stagnation ahead for its 24 member-countries, Japan's economic planning agency here is cheerfully projecting a national growth-rate figure of 5.2 percent

for 1982. When Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki formed a new government late last month, he unveiled a gamut of measures aimed at stimulating consumer demand — and, in consequence, boosting imports.

The measures will open the home market wider to imports, and Suzuki indicated that tariffs would be reduced on a range of 2,600 imported goods — ahead of the schedule planned under the Tokyo round of tariff-cutting talks.

But this goodwill gesture — albeit accomplished with unaccustomed alacrity — cannot conceal the fact that the task facing the new cabinet is all but impossible. The Japanese, with entire justification, point out that their import tariffs are lower than those in Europe, and that only 27 items are subject to quotas compared with about 40 in Europe.

As would-be exporters are well aware, the obstacles to breaking into the Japanese market have less to do with tariff regulations than with the structure of Japanese industry and trade procedures.

The Japanese are criticized for not importing enough manufactured goods as these form 22 percent of all Japan's imports, compared with 55 percent in the United States and 44 percent in the EEC. But the Japanese reply that they are short of raw materials and must finance this shortcoming by exporting goods carrying a steep value-added tax.

Algeria plans better deal to private sector

ALGIERS, Dec. 27 (AFP) — The Algerian private sector will be allowed new opportunities and flexibility, the central committee of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) has decided, while maintaining the strategic position of the state as the basic driving force of the national economy.

The central committee, the country's highest political authority, called during its sixth session last week for proper rules for the conduct of the private sector — including a less rigid code of investments than the one drawn up in 1967 — in order to "revive, watch over, support and control" it. The authorities were also urged to strengthen their dialogue with private investors, relax and simplify procedures for approving contracts and ease the import of equipment and basic materials needed for the proper functioning of companies.

The central committee proposed that a national body be set up to guide, encourage and coordinate private sector investments. Private business should be given "massive aid of all kinds" in line with a new economic policy. Private firms and individuals dominate agriculture but are the least well off.

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Iraqi Dinar	6.50	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.80	28.80	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	15.50	—
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Kuwaiti Dinar	12.15	12.14	—
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Iran said holding secret talks with America

VIENNA, Dec. 27 (R) — Iran cannot keep part of the financial deal which freed 52 U.S. hostages last January and has begun secret talks with American officials to change it, according to the former governor of the Iranian Central Bank.

Onoting Iranian officials involved in the talks, Ali Reza Nobari told Reuters that Tehran did not have the cash to maintain a \$1 billion bank of England account it agreed to open for payment of U.S. claims against Iran.

Unable to meet financial deal

The former governor, who fled from Iran in September, would not say where the talks were being held but he said Tehran wanted to postpone some immediate payment obligations.

He thought Washington might be interested if it could ensure that all claims — mostly for compensation for nationalization or breach of contract by the revolutionary government which ousted the Shah in 1979 — were eventually paid.

As part of the Algiers bargain, releasing the hostages and unfreezing Iranian assets held by the U.S., Tehran agreed to maintain the billion-dollar account and top it up automatically whenever claim settlements drew it down to \$500 million.

Overall U.S. claims are estimated at between \$3 and \$4 billion, more than the Tehran government can pay now, Nobari quoted his sources as saying. Time is pressing since claims not settled out of court will go to an international arbitration board due to open hearings in The Hague in mid-January.

Iranian sources here said only about 100 of the 2,500 or so U.S. firms with claims against Iran had come to Vienna to seek out-of-court settlements with a Tehran negotiating team. Just 10 or 15 settlements have been reached so far, according to U.S. sources.

Nobari, who now lives in exile mainly in France, quoted officials as saying the Central Bank's reserves now stood at only about \$650 million despite a statement by his successor that they were at a "reliable level."

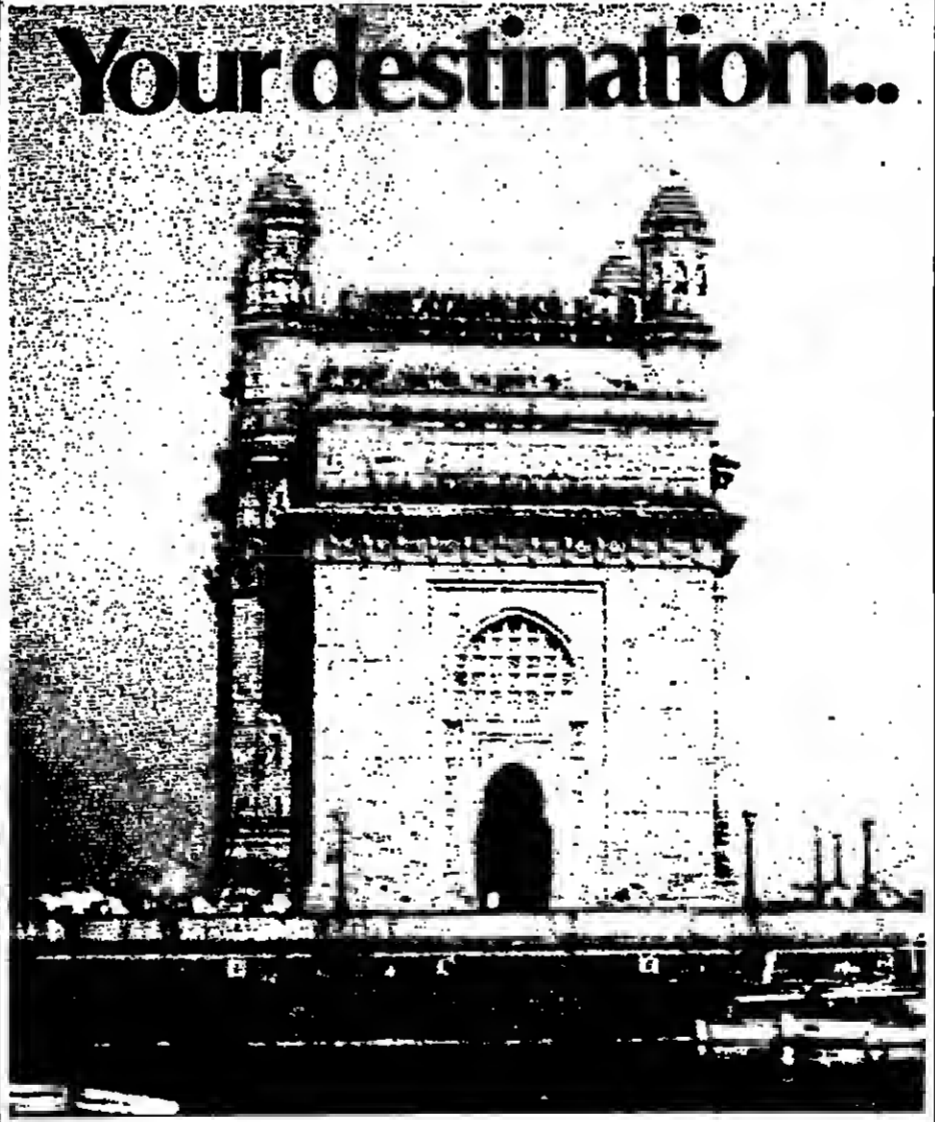
Russian grain ships held up in port

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (R) — The Soviet Union, which is importing record quantities of grain to meet home shortages, is suffering major unloading delays at one of its busiest ports because of lack of equipment, a Soviet newspaper said Sunday.

A front-page article in *Sovetskaya Rossiya* (Soviet Russia) said 23 grain ships were waiting to be unloaded in the Baltic city of Kaliningrad, one of the few ports not frozen in winter. It quoted the captain of the cargo ship *Baltiiki -31* as saying: "We are tired of waiting. The whole business should have taken 16 hours and this is already our tenth day here."

The newspaper did not say how many tons of grain were involved but said the delays had cost 300,000 roubles (\$450,000). The U.S. Agricultural Department (USDA) estimates Moscow will import a record 43 million tons of grain this year, stretching its ports to the limit. It predicted that December would be an exceptionally heavy month with shipments due from the U.S. and Canada.

The grain is needed to boost fodder and food supplies after a 1980 harvest which at 189.2 million tons fell about 30 percent below plan.



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World Cup Hockey

Pakistan manager optimistic

BOMBAY, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — Defending champions Pakistan faces strong challenge from West Germany, Holland and Olympic champions India in the 15-day World Cup Hockey Tournament, starting here on Tuesday.

The Dutch team arrived in Bombay on Sunday. Holland finished in the second place at the previous world tournament.

The West German and Pakistan teams flew to Bombay Saturday. Pakistan skipper Akhtar Rasool said he was confident that his team would retain the World Cup.

Brig. M.H.F. Atif, manager of the Pakistan team, said: "Speaking not as a manager of the Pakistan team, but as a technical expert I would say that mine is about the best team in the world today."

"Barring a mishap or a misfortune we should be able to retain the title." To say the least I think you will find us very worthy defenders of the title," he added.

Asked what his assessment was of the two groups, the Pakistan manager said, "India (in group 'B') is now playing very well. Netherlands and Australia being the semifinalists of major tournaments, I think Group 'B' has become very competitive, and competition will be tougher there. But I think India should be able to qualify."

Brig. Atif felt the semifinalists would be Pakistan, West Germany, India and Australia with the Netherlands being the dark horses. But he rated the first named four for the semifinals.

The Pakistanis play their opening match against Argentina on Wednesday.

"There has been a leveling up of standards in the last 10 years and now there are at least six teams from whom it is difficult to choose the best," West German team coach Klaus Kleiter said.

Kleiter said the West Germans had "learnt technique from the Indians and Pakistan and they have learnt tactics from us." West German captain Michael Peter, the side's penalty-corner specialist and most experienced player, said India and Pakistan were strong contenders for the world title.

Host India, which won the olympic hockey title in Moscow retained all the 16 players who toured Europe recently. The side is led by Surjit Singh.

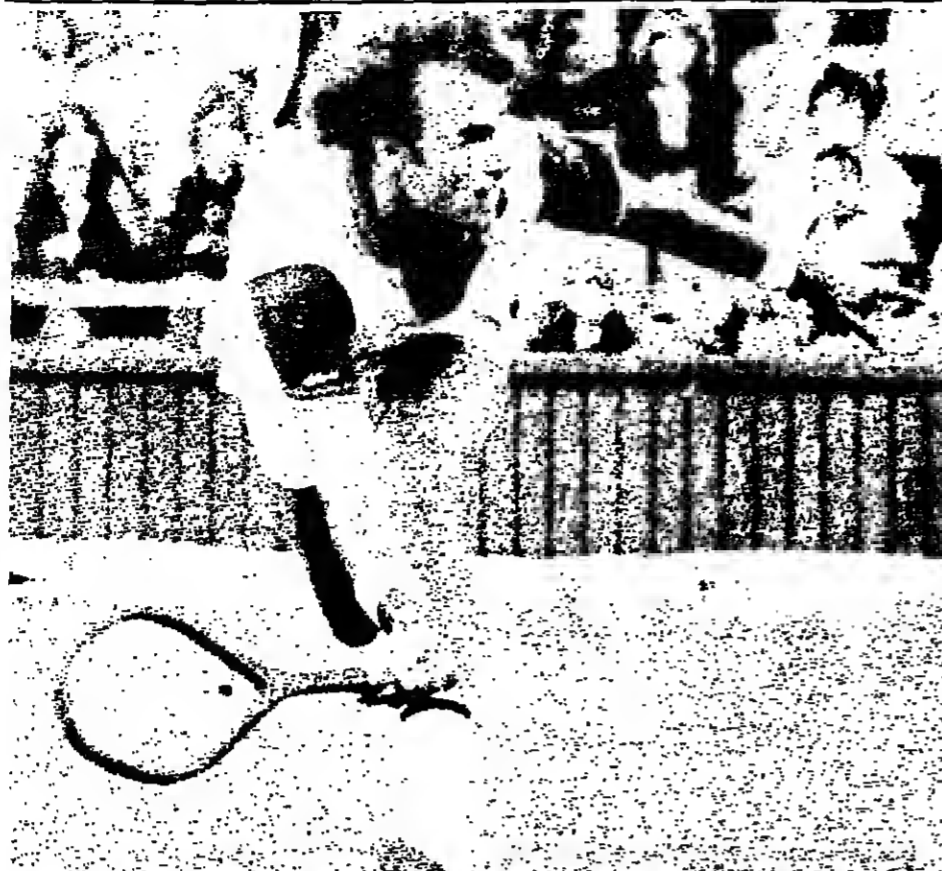
The 12 teams in the tournament have been divided into two pools. After the opening ceremony on Tuesday, Malaysia is scheduled to play India in the only match of the day. On Wednesday, England meets Holland. New Zealand faces Spain and West Germany plays Poland.

Jorge Alvarado gains verdict over Korean

SEOUL, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Panamanian junior lightweight Jorge Alvarado, ranked second in the world by the World Boxing Association, extended his unbeaten sequence to 16 fights when he beat Korea's Lee Il-Bok on points over 10 rounds at Taejon, central Korea, Sunday.

The 8,000 spectators, including staff from the Panamanian Embassy here, witnessed the Korean taking the fight to Alvarado for the first two rounds but the Panamanian showed no mercy to his Korean opponent for the third round.

Alvarado lambasted Lee with a torrent of blows to the face and body, virtually without a single in reply in the following rounds to pound out a unanimous decision victory.



ON THE RUN: Australia's John Alexander, who beat Fritz Buehning in the Australian Open, is here seen stretching across the court to reach a return.

Alexander outlasts Buehning

In action-packed encounter

MELBOURNE, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Australia's John Alexander beat American Fritz Buehning here Sunday in one of the most controversial matches ever seen at Kooyong Stadium, in a first round match of the \$400,000 Australian men's Open Tennis Championships. Alexander, the 30-year-old Davis Cup player, clinched victory with a magnificent 2-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 result.

The match was marred by disputed line calls and the decisions did not help the temperament of either player. Boos and jeers echoed around the packed 12,000-seat stadium as the crowd reacted to the calls in the dramatic match.

The stadium seemed more like a Spanish bull ring than a tennis match as the pressure mounted in the final tie-breaker set. Buehning, an explosive competitor, ricked away like a time bomb when a series of calls went against him.

At one point, Buehning yelled at a linesman: "That guy is biased toward me. That is the second time he has put a call against me which I know was wrong. I want him removed, now."

In the post-match interview, the American accused Alexander of gamesmanship and

said the traditional good Australian sporting attitude as a myth.

Buehning was upset and disappointed after being called a "cheater" by the crowd. "After they called me a cheater there was only two percent of the crowd on my side in the final set," he said. "Before that, 50 percent were with me. I just questioned a service call on Alexander — that's all — I did not deserve that treatment and the umpire just would not explain to the crowd what my complaint was about."

"It is just another Australian decision. There is a good shot I will not come back here next year." The American said.

Alexander alleged that the umpire lost control of the match. "The officiating was not of a high standard," he said. But he added: "Buehning is notorious for intimidating linesmen, so how could he say that I was out there for gamesmanship? When I do something it is quiet, but when he does it, the whole world has to know about it."

Rain showers later held up play and only five finished out of 13 singles matches scheduled on the third day of this tournament.

American Larry Stefanki took five sets to beat the Australian teenager Wally Masur

who held match points and was unfortunate not to clinch victory when a net cord fell the wrong side of the net. Stefanki advanced to the second round with a 4-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 victory.

Victorian Cliff Letcher, a former Australian Davis Cup player, caused the major upset of the day when he beat 10th-seeded American John Sadri, a former finalist here. Letcher stunned the American before the dwindling center court crowd to win in four sets 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Letcher, whose current world ranking is 260th, overwhelmed the American — ranked 33rd, with his powerful serve-volley attack. He had fought into the main draw with wins in the qualifying rounds over English Davis Cup player Andrew Jarratt, John Frawley of Queensland and experienced South Australian John Jones.

Letcher has been traveling around the smaller clay-court European tournaments over the past year in a bid to re-build his ranking.

Young western Australian Chris Johnstone, was eliminated in the opening round by Charlie Fancutt. Fancutt won through to the second round in four sets 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-5.

Indians wriggle out of a tight corner

Vishwanath cracks stylish century

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (Agencies) — The third cricket Test at the Ferozshah Kotla ground headed for a tame draw Sunday after England let India off the hook on the fourth day.

At stumps, the home side was 376 for seven wickets in the first innings in response to England's 476 for nine wickets declared. Syed Kirmani was batting with 67 runs, while Ravi Shastri was on 48.

India lost its seventh wicket at the score of 254 when it still needed 23 runs to avert a follow-on. However, the English bowlers failed to grab an additional quick wicket. The 122-run unbeaten eighth-wicket partnership between wicketkeeper batsman Kirmani and Shastri, a 19-year-old University student, is India's highest against England. The previous best against England was 101 runs set by Farouk Engineer, another wicketkeeper batsman, and Bapu Nadkarni in the 1961-62 series.

Resuming at the overnight score of 172 for three, India lost the wicket of Sandeep Patil after the addition of only two runs. Patil's off-stump was knocked down by a sharp inswinger from fast bowler Bob Willis when the aggressive Indian batsman was on 31. Patil on Saturday had pulled Willis and Ian Botham for two mighty sixes over the fine-leg fence.

India lost a second wicket in the first hour of play when all-rounder Kirti Azad jumped out of his crease to hook spinner Derek Underwood and was cleverly stumped by Bob Taylor.

Gundappa Vishwanath, who had been out of form in the current series, hit a chanceless knock of 107 runs studded with 14 boundaries. The stylish Indian vice-captain was clean bowled by Botham when he misjudged the line of an inswinger. This was his 13th Test century.

After the lunch break, all-rounder Kapil Dev flashed at an outgoing delivery from Botham and was well caught by Graham Gooch in the slips. After Dev's dismissal, the English bowlers toiled hard to break the eighth-wicket stand.

Both the batsmen were lucky to remain at the wicket. Botham got his right hand to a snick from Kirmani off Willis but failed to hold the catch. Later, Chris Tavare muffed an easy catch given by Shastri when the Indian was on 38. The ball on Sunday had to be changed four times for losing shape. In the third session of play, it was replaced thrice in two overs.

The four days of play has yielded 852 runs

and has seen three batsmen score centuries. Though the stylish Vishwanath proved the backbone of India's fightback, it was the dapper Syed Kirmani who steered India out of danger.

Kirmani stepped in when India were placed in a tight situation — needing 23 runs to force the tourists to bat again. But the situation did not overawe him. He played some excellent cricket hitting the English bowlers all over the ground at will.

The credit for India's recovery from a precarious position of 41 for two wickets goes to Vishwanath, who with a display of mastery hitting scored his 107 runs.

On the second day of the Test it was clear that Fletcher was planning an imposing first innings score which would enable him to put psychological pressure on the Indian batsmen, while if the wicket favored the bowlers a little, he would bowl out the Indians twice and register an innings defeat. But the Indian batsmen did not give in and pitch worked in their favor.

Karim Jan steers Eaglets to facile victory

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Dec. 27 — Arabian Eaglets' Karim Jan excelled with his bat for the second successive week in the UNENCO Marketing-Slagerer Invitational League Tournament conducted by the Eastern Province Cricket League.

Karim followed up his unbeaten 91 against SCECO Cricket Club with a hurricane 115, to steer Arabian Eaglets to a mammoth 255 for 6 in their allotted 30 overs against Sporting Pepsi Cricket XI Friday. Sporting Pepsi, however, failed to pick up the challenge as the Eaglets recorded a runaway 156 runs victory.

Arabian Eaglets' skipper Khalid Khan won the toss and elected to make the first use of the strip. And his batsmen revelled in his decision. Karim Jan, especially, was ruthless. He cut loose on the hapless Sporting Pepsi bowlers — hitting seven sixers — to notch a superb century. He was ably supported by Hassan Ali (34) and Sami Khan (32), the latter making a fine debut.

Sporting Pepsi never recovered from a

poor start and crumbled to a paltry 99. The man to cause most of the damage was Khalid Khan. He broke the Sporting Pepsi middle — with five of the batsmen returning to the pavilion without scoring — to return with fine figures of four for 33 runs. Naem Siddiqui chipped in with two for five runs.

The only batsman to withstand the devastating bowling of Khalid was Arif Qureshi. He provided almost half the score of Sporting Pepsi — hitting 45 runs including a six — as wickets crashed around him.

Another side to record a facile win, on a day when only three matches were gone through, was YFCC. They beat Al-Quraysh Cricket Club by 140 runs, while Karachi Gymkhana Cricket Club continued their winning streak with a seven-wicket verdict over Al-Khobar Cricket XI.

The YFCC-Al-Quraysh encounter proved to be one-sided. Al-Quraysh rued their decision of sending YFCC to bat first. Though YFCC did not boast of an individual contribution, all the batsmen pitched in with useful scores to put YFCC in a position of strength. YFCC totaled 221 for six wickets in

their prescribed 30 overs.

Ahmad Ghazali was YFCC's top-scorer with a patient unbeaten 42. Others to be amongst the runs were Anwar Haider (34), Ayjaz Ansari (28) and Dighazali (28). Dighazali, the YFCC captain, had a good match. After his useful stint with the bat, he proved an able foil for Syed Jameel as they together wrecked Al-Quraysh's innings.

Al-Quraysh were never in the fight as Syed Jameel, who took five wickets for 29 runs, and Dighazali, who finished with four for 23 runs, ripped through their innings. Al-Quraysh were skittled out for a mere 81 in 15 overs with Idrees being their main sorer with 33 runs.

Al-Khobar Cricket XI, batting first, could muster only 138 runs against Karachi Gymkhana. They found the bowling of Behzad and Arif Gul difficult to cope and pushed the score came in 29 overs. Behzad, who proved to be the main wrecker, finished with five for 30, while Arif took three for 22 runs.

The target proved within easy reach of Karachi Gymkhana. Aftab led the chase with a breezy 55 with skipper Pervaiz applying the finishing touches with an unbeaten 38. Karachi Gymkhana surpassed the Al-Khobar's meagre total with seven wickets and 16 overs to spare.

Brief scores: Arabian Eaglets 255 for 6 in 30 overs (Karim Jan 115, Hassan Ali 34, Sami Khan 32, Pervaiz 2 for 21, Arif Qureshi 2 for 51) beat Sporting Pepsi XI 99 in 17.2 overs (Arif 45, Jawad 23 n.o., Khalid Khan 4 for 33, Naem Siddiqui 2 for 25).

YFCC 221 for 6 in 30 overs (Ahmad Ghazali 42 n.o., Anwar Haider 34, Ayjaz Ansari, 28, Dighazali 28, I. Nayyar 3 for 57, Salim Arshad 2 for 36) Al-Quraysh CC 81 in 15 overs (Idrees 33, Syed Jameel 5 for 29, Dighazali 4 for 23).

Al-Khobar Cricket XI 138 in 29 overs (Bilal 30, Aftab 24, Behzad 5 for 30, Arif Gul 3 for 22) lost to Karachi Gymkhana CC 143 for 3 wks. in 14 overs (Aftab 55, Pervaiz Ahmed 38 n.o., Naem 2 for 29).

Sting registers narrow win

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP) — Pato Marjetic scored two goals and added two assists to lift the Chicago Sting to an 8-6 victory over the Tampa Bay Rowdies in North American Soccer League indoor play Saturday.

Karl Heinz-Grantz added two goals for the Sting. Tatu scored three goals for Tampa Bay, while Zequinha added two goals and one assist.

Meanwhile, Argentina's Boca Juniors, the 1977 World Club champions, will play a three-game series in Japan next month against the Japanese national team. The interest of fans is centered on how many goals Boca Juniors star Diego Maradona will score on the tour, starting January 14. Maradona, whose transfer was sought for \$ nine million this year, is considered the world's best soccer player following the retirement of Brazil's soccer King Pele.

The Argentine superstar will be making his second appearance before Japanese soccer fans. He first played in Japan in September, 1979 as the mainstay of the Argentine team which won the 1979 World Youth Soccer title beating the Soviet Union 3-1 in the final at the National Stadium in Tokyo.

In Kuala Lumpur, the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) is investigating alleged corruption among players in four tournaments — King's Cup, President's Cup, Merdeka Tournament and the South-East Asia (SEA) Games. The association has ordered all managers of teams which were

Long stars in Pistons' fine rally

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP) — John Long was on target for the Detroit Pistons when they needed it most. He sank in two free throws with 1:28 left in the game as the Detroit Pistons came from behind to edge out the Chicago Bulls 96-94 for their fourth consecutive victory in the National Basketball Association Saturday.

Pistons were trailing in the first three quarters and it looked like the Bulls would maintain the lead to push their way through. But Pistons had other ideas. They rallied splendidly in the last quarter scoring 26 points against Bulls' 16 to chalk by the narrow verdict. The Bulls had led Pistons 28-23, 50-43 and 78-70 in the first three quarters.

Elsewhere in NBA, it was Denver 124, Dallas 35; Milwaukee 109, Cleveland 102; Portland 128, San Diego 116; Golden State 112, Phoenix 96; New York 112, Indiana 106; Atlanta 105, San Antonio 97; Boston 124, Kansas City 119; Houston 115, Utah 104.

In another close tie of the NBA, Larry Bird scored seven points in overtime to spark the Boston Celtics past the Kansas City Kings 124-119. The Celtics, who enjoyed a 58-49 lead at the half-time, could tally only 23 points against the Kings' 32 in the third quarter. The teams entered the decisive quarter tied at 81-81. And in the close battle which ensued, neither could break the deadlock by the regulation time. The teams were locked 111-111. But the Kings' fight faded in the overtime as the Celtics won the battle.

Moses Malone scored 42 points to lead the Houston Rockets to a 115-104 victory over Utah Jazz. The Atlanta Hawks used a swarming defense and a 28-point outburst by John Drew to defeat San Antonio Spurs 105-97.

Campy Russell scored 29 points and Bill Cartwright added 24 as the New York Knicks outplayed the Indiana Pacers 112-106. The Golden State Warriors, sparked by center J.B. Carroll and guard Free, led the entire way and defeated the Phoenix Suns 112-96.

Rookie Darnell Valentine scored 13 of his 17 points in the second quarter and Jim Paxson tallied 27 points to help Portland Trail Blazers to a 128-116 victory over San Diego Clippers.

Bob Lanier scored 23 points, Marques Johnson added 19 and Alton Lister had 18 to pace the Milwaukee Bucks to a 109-102 win over Cleveland Cavaliers. While Alex English scored 31 points and reserve guard Billy Nunn tossed in 26 to lead the Denver Nuggets to a 124-117 victory over Dallas Mavericks.

Czechs have it easy

VIRGINIA, Minnesota Dec. 27 (AP) — Milan Eberle and Vladimir Ruzicka scored two goals each to lead Czechoslovakia to a 5-1 victory over Finland in World Junior Hockey competition Saturday night.

Jiri Dudacek added the Czechs' only goal. The Finns' only goal was scored by Heikki Leime at 7:25 in the third period. Czech goalie Vaclav Fubacher stopped 26 shots, while Finnish netminder Kari Takko had 30 saves.

Ex-Olympian excels

MOSCOW, DEC. 27 (AFP) — Soviet Olympic champion Galina Kulakova, 39, came out of retirement to win a 5 km Women's Cross Country Skiing race Sunday at Krasnogorsk, near Moscow.

Kulakova, winner in 1979 of the first edition of the Women's Cross Country Skiing World Cup, beat Lubov Lladova to the finish line. Kulakova will be 40 in April.

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Gomes, Dujon only bright spots

West Indies seen in poor light

MELBOURNE, Dec. 27 (AP)—Western Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee brought Australia back into the first Test against the West Indies and picked up a world record in the process at the MCG here Sunday.

The 32-year-old speedster broke West Indian spinner Lance Gibbs' record of 309 wickets as he took six for 76 to have the tourists, chasing Australia's first innings total of 198, at 187 for nine wickets at the close of play on the second day. The not out batsmen were David Murray on 26 and Joel Garner yet to score. Lillee's Test wicket record now stands at 311.

The Windies resumed at 10 for four wickets. Lillee had claimed three of the four wickets on Saturday, including the prize-wicket of Viv Richards for two with the last ball of the day. He also removed opener Desmond Haynes and nightwatchman Colin Croft. Terry Alderman had Faoued Bacchus caught by Graeme Wood to complete the tourists' overnight miseries.

Almost 45,000 people came to the MCG Sunday with the hope of seeing Lillee and Australia continue their rout of the powerful tourists. West India captain Clive Lloyd and Larry Gomes denied the home side an early wicket and plugged away to reach 62 before

Score-board	
AUSTRALIA (1ST INNINGS):	198
WEST INDIES (1ST INNINGS):	62
D. Haynes c Border b Lillee	1
F. Bacchus c Wood b Alderman	1
C. Croft lbw Lillee	0
V. Richards b Lillee	2
C. Lloyd c Alderman b Yardley	29
L. Gomes c Chappell b Lillee	55
J. Dujon c Hughes b Lillee	41
D. Murray batting	26
A. Roberts c Marsh b Lillee	18
M. Holding c and b Alderman	2
J. Garner batting	0
Extras	12
Total (for 9 wks)	187

Lloyd was dismissed. He was caught by Alderman for 29 after lazily lofting a delivery from spinner Bruce Yardley.

Chappell used five bowlers — including himself — in the morning session in an attempt to keep the Windies on the run. Gomes and ovcamer Jeff Dujon made 72 in 58 minutes in a bright and breezy partnership

that hardly reflected the trouble faced by the tourists.

Lillee had Dujon well caught by Kim Hughes for 41 attempting a lofted hook to deep square-leg. And Lillee next dismissed Gomes for 55. Play was held up for about five minutes as the ground exploded with deafening applause and cheers for Lillee. The Windies then looked in deep trouble at 147 for seven. The unpredictable Melbourne weather then struck, and play was interrupted by showers three times. An hour and a half was lost after an early tea.

In the last half hour Australia gained a firm grip on the match when Lillee claimed his 311th victim and his sixth for the match when he had Andy Roberts caught behind by Marsh for 18. The tourists were then 174 for eight. Seven minutes before stumps Alderman claimed his second wicket for the match when he caught and bowled Michael Holding for two.

One other chance still remains for Lillee Monday — to beat his personal Test innings best of seven for 89 which he took against England in the sixth Test at the Oval earlier this year. His figures now read six for 76.

Batters Gibbs' record

Lillee on top of the world

MELBOURNE, Dec. 27 (AP)—Dennis Lillee broke West Indian Lance Gibbs' world Test wicket-taking record Sunday.

Lillee snared his 310th victim in a ten-year Test career on the second day of the first Test against the West Indies when he had Larry Gomes caught at first slip by skipper Greg Chappell for 55. The record-breaking moment came during one of the 32-year-old Western Australian pacesman's best Test performances.

Lillee, who started this season with a total of 290 wickets, was chasing Gibbs' 309, and the former best fast bowler's haul of 307, by fiery Yorkshireman Fred Trueman.

Cheered on by an ecstatic crowd, he equalled Gibbs' record when he had Jeff Dujon caught at deep square-leg by Kim Hughes for 41. Hundreds of spectators invaded the field and the huge crowd chanted to the strains of "Waltzing Matilda" when he broke the record.

The record came off the last ball of his 19th over. It was his 15,389th delivery in 58 Tests, and he had conceded 7131 runs for an average of 23.00. Gibbs bowled 26,853 balls in 79 Tests, with an average of 29.09. Lillee's figures almost parallel Trueman's — the powerful Englishman bowled 15,178 balls for his 307 wickets, at an average of 21.57.

The Western Australian — whose career

seemed over about six years ago because of a serious back injury — has taken 163 wickets against England, 51 against Pakistan, 44 against the West Indies, 31 against New Zealand, and 21 against India. He has taken ten wickets in a Test on six occasions — three of them in Melbourne. His career Test best for an innings is seven for 89, in the sixth Test against England at the Oval this year. His Test match best is 11 for 123 against New Zealand in Auckland in 1976.

England's medium-pace spinner Derek Underwood is fourth on the world Test list with 279 wickets in 79 Tests, with Indian spinner Bishoo Bedi fifth with 266 wickets in 67 Tests. Trueman's celebrated pace partner Brian Statham took 252 wickets in 70 Tests, while Beaud's 248 wickets came in 63 Tests.

When Chappell leapt high after catching Gomes, Lillee looked almost subdued as he finished his follow-through. He smiled as his teammates rushed to congratulate him, and later raised his hand to the noisy and excited crowd. MCG officials played a record of Waltzing Matilda, and the figure 310 appeared next to his name on the MCG scoreboard. Lillee, apparently trying to hold back tears as he took his sweater, almost walked to the wrong position for the next over.



Dennis Lillee ... a record bag 311 wickets

Darling, Phillips in big opening partnership

ADELAIDE, Dec. 27 (AP)—A dashing double-century opening partnership by Rick Darling and Wayne Phillips put South Australia in a strong position to overhaul Pakistan's first innings score of 358 for four wickets declared at Adelaide Oval Sunday.

At the close of play on the second day South Australia were 291 for two wickets with Jeff Crowe 22 not out and David Hookes 10 not out.

The Darling-Phillips partnership dominated the day's play after Pakistan had declared after 59 minutes batting this morning for a further 66 runs. The South Australian batsmen made the depleted Pakistan attack look second-rate as they raced to

the first 100 in 99 minutes and brought up 200 without loss in 185 minutes off 47.4 overs. Phillips beat Darling to the century by three minutes, bringing up his 100 in 189 minutes (nine fours). Phillips made 106.

When Phillips was caught by wicketkeeper Wasim Bari off Sikander Bakht for 106 the opening stand had yielded 228 runs in 208 minutes. When Darling was dismissed for 132, caught by Bari off Tabir Naqqash, he was only two runs short of his highest score in first class cricket. Darling hit ten boundaries in his 132. With frontline Test bowlers Imran Khan, Sarfraz Nawaz and Iqbal Qasim being rested, the Pakistan attack was thin.

Pakistan captain Miandad closed the

innings at 358 for four when he was dismissed for 90. Resuming at 58 not out, Miandad surrendered his wicket when he swung at a head-high bouncer from Graham Wintar and edged a catch to wicketkeeper Phillips.

Zaheer Abbas, four not out at the resumption, remained 36 not out after slamming five fours and taking a painful blow on the ribs from a ball from left-arm pacesman Sam Parkinson.

Brief scores: 358 for 4 wks. decl. (Man-soor Akhtar 81, Rzwani-Ul-Zaman 126, J. Miandad 90; Parkinson 1 for 79, Winter 1 for 41, Vincent 1 for 75) vs South Australia 291 for 2 (R. Darling 132, W. Phillips 106; Bakht 1 for 52, Naqqash 1 for 72)



PICTURESQUE: The 22-strong fleet of the Whitbread Yachting Classic makes a fantastic scene as they sail out on the third leg of the Round-The-World race accompanied by numerous pleasure crafts present to bid them farewell in Auckland on Sunday.

Margaret Rintoul makes superb headway

SYDNEY, Australia Dec. 27 (AP)—Stan Edwards' new yacht *Margaret Rintoul II* was poised to throw out a bold challenge to the international maxi sloop *Condor* of Bermuda in the Hitachi Sydney to Hobart race late Sunday.

With Edwards searching for and finding much better breeze on a course further out to sea, *Margaret Rintoul* made superb headway throughout the day to slip into third spot behind *Condor*.

Condor's experienced skipper Boh Bell elected to stick to a rhumb-line course, the shortest route to Hobart. By Dusk the Giant 23.8 meter sloop was 13 miles clear of the Sydney yacht *Vengeance* (David Kellett) and the rapidly improving *Margaret Rintoul*.

The forecast of freshening 20 to 30 knot south-east to east breeze as the yachts prepared to enter the treacherous Bass Strait confirmed the wisdom of Edwards' tactics in the battle for line honors.

Throughout the day the hulk of the fleet pounded into driving rain and south winds as the yachts made their way down the coast of New South Wales.

The variable gusty conditions and confused seas proved a touch hurdle for many yachts, in particular the smaller boats. The conditions also contributed to a spate of withdrawals, with 12 of the 159 starters pulling out of the race by mid-afternoon.

Among the withdrawals was the 11.8 meter Sydney sloop *Ultra Violet*, which was forced out when one of their crewman fell ill

with suspected appendicitis. The crewman, American David Grant, was put ashore at Jervis Bay where he was transported to a hospital at the nearby naval base.

Two of the key withdrawals overnight were the New Zealand Southern Cross Cup entrant, *Southern Raider* and former Australian Admiral's Cup yacht, *Police Car*.

Both yachts came to grief in southerly squalls with *Southern Raider* sustaining structural damage and *Police Car* a broken mast.

One of the big disappointments of the day was the performance of the maxi sloop *Helsal II* of which slipped back from third to fourth spot in the battle for line honors. Skipped by Fred Williams, *Helsal* clung to a course much closer to the shore and progressed only 44 miles in the eight hours between radio

Australian grabs sailing honors

CANBERRA, Dec. 27 (AP)—The World Tasar Championships got off to a disappointing start on Canberra's lake Burley Griffin Sunday in light and variable winds of only one to four knots.

After waiting in vain for one and a half hours for the fickle winds to steady, the race organizers shortened the 10 nautical mile course by one lap.

Tony McEntee from the Kogarah Bay Sailing Club, Sydney in *The Magician* started well and quickly established a lead over titleholder Philip Darby of Greenwich Sailing

Club in *Bubbles*. Although strongly challenged on several occasions by Darby, McEntee maintained his lead until the last rounding mark when Darby grabbed a narrow lead. On the final leg McEntee fought back strongly to heat Darby to the line by only six seconds.

In contrast, *Condor* and *Margaret Rintoul* maintaining their course further out to sea, covered in excess of 50 miles in the same period. The battle for handicap honors also opened up with the lead changing throughout the day as yachts further seaward picked up lift.

By dusk the leader on handicap was the tiny 10.1 meter Victorian sloop *Aquila* which was ahead of Tasmania's *Natelle II* and *Margaret Rintoul*.

In the battle for the Southern Cross Cup the overall leader was *Natelle II* ahead of *Renegade* (south Australia) and Victoria's *Challenge*. The Victorian team was well placed overall with *Challenge* lying third, *Selppner* sixth and *black Magic* lying 15th.

Geoff McDougall of the Canberra Yacht Club finished third. Canadians Terry Neilson and Richard Anderson finished fourth. Americans Mike and Carol Fahle in *Kelise*, also finished with the leaders nearly two minutes behind the winner.

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The Commerce Ministry has issued new ground rules for the operation of legal firms in the Kingdom. *Javid Hassan* in Riyadh talked to Deputy Minister of Commerce A. Al Zamil for details of the new regulations and filed this report.

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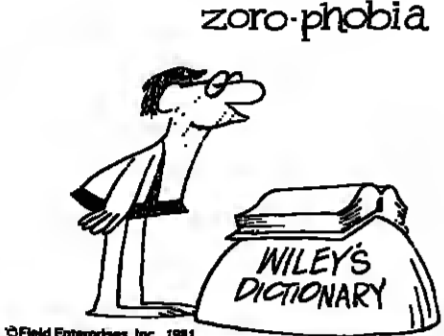
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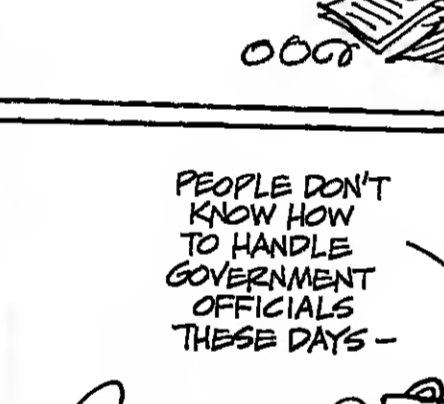
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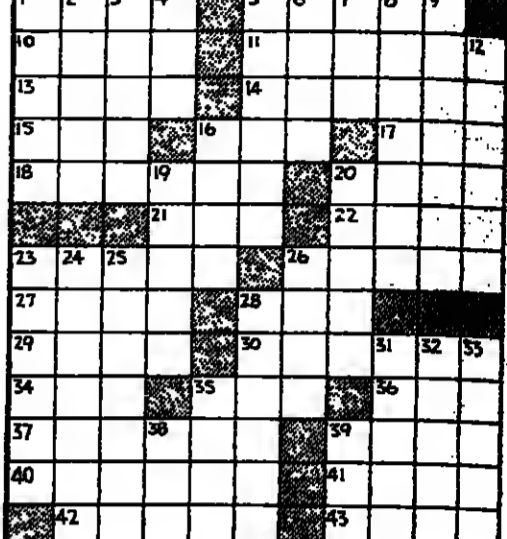


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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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Saturday's Answer

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE is LONGFELLOW. One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Hard-liners asserting control

Media boost Polish party image

VIENNA, Dec. 27 (R) — Poland's official media have launched a propaganda offensive to boost the image of the Communist Party and convey the impression that it is busily reactivating itself.

But independent reports reaching the West speak of disarray, shock and anger in party ranks following the imposition of martial law two weeks ago. University, professional and worker sources say many party members have handed back their cards, according to the reports which quoted a party source as saying: "There are only careerists and Stalinists left."

Communist hard-liners appeared to be reasserting control over the party at all levels and there was serious talk of moves to found a new Communist Party.

At factory level, party activists were reopening offices that had been turned into virtual no-go areas by Solidarity free trade union and were again exerting influence on personnel decisions and other key areas.

There were purges at all levels. The official news agency PAF had spoken of personnel changes in 29 of Poland's 49 voivodships (local governments) and of dismissals in state enterprises. But, the reports said, this appeared to be only the tip of the iceberg.

The purges were being compared to the wholesale dismissals in Czechoslovakia after the 1968 Soviet intervention there. It is the second time that Poland's government and managerial class has been turned upside down in less than two years.

The only sector that survived intact the upheaval which followed the founding 18 months ago of Eastern Europe's first independent trade union was the professional party and security apparatus.

The survival of the group enabled it to come out fighting when the military took over and, according to the reports, the secret police now had enough "evidence" against liberals and Solidarity sympathizers to keep the nation coerced for another generation.

Those who failed to recant were being thrown out of their jobs and those who failed to cooperate in the future would be threatened with the same fate. No one, except the inner party core, felt secure in Poland any longer, the reports said.

There was continuing intense speculation about the role of Prime Minister Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski in the crackdown and his political future, according to the reports. There was also a growing impression that the generals did not know what to do next, as it

was by no means clear that a policy of force and fear would succeed in the long term in getting Poles to work.

The reports quoted Polish press sources as saying that the generals were faced with a dilemma over what to do with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa. Initially they had hoped to win him over and persuade him to recant on state television and call on the workers to halt strikes. But the plan failed.

The union leader's silence was now becoming rather eloquent. Western diplomatic sources said.

The reports said that there have been signs that official resolution is wavering. At the outset tanks were used to smash down factory gates, clearing a way for police to move in to break up strikes. The steel mill at Katowice was cleared that way on Wednesday. But the authorities have had to adopt a different tactic with 1,100 miners camped below ground in Silesia.

This was partly for logistical reasons as it was hard to storm a mine. But, the reports said, the authorities might also be reluctant to use force for fear that it would result in an indefinite strike throughout Silesia and the miners appeared to have found the first real bargaining counter since the military takeover.

Coal production is a crucial element in efforts to keep the shattered Polish economy afloat and Saturday night Warsaw radio said the representative of the military authorities had promised the striking miners that only those who had terrorized others into staying underground would be punished.

The official media have sought to blunt the impact of the miners' action by saying that Solidarity "terrorists" are holding the majority of strikers below ground against their will.

The government representative, Col. Bronislaw Zielecki, also offered to allow a delegation of the strikers to visit the neighboring Ziemowit mine where similar strike action ended on Dec. 24.

According to the reports reaching the West, the authorities were trying to buy popularity by easing certain restrictions and boosting supplies in the shops.

The rush of meat and other food from the Soviet Union and elsewhere in the East bloc had ensured that Poles had more to eat than they might have expected before the military takeover on Dec. 13.



ANTI-SUB TORPEDO: The U.S. military is stepping out development of its advanced anti-submarine torpedoes. Seen here is a test of the new U.S. Navy/McDonnell Douglas Advanced Lightweight Torpedo (ALWT). It is being launched from a triple-tube launcher fired from aboard a test ship at Keyport, Washington. ALWT is designed for launch from helicopters, fixed wing planes, as well as ships.

India sets conditions to initial no-war pact

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (AFP) — India is willing to enter into a no-war pact with Pakistan on the basis of seven fundamental positions conveyed to Islamabad, PTI news agency said Sunday quoting informed sources here.

According to PTI, adherence to nonalignment, respect for each other's territorial integrity and settlement of issues bilaterally are some of the basic elements for such a pact which India has conveyed to Pakistan through an aide memoire.

The Indian communication recalls the Simla agreement and states that neither of the two countries should raise bilateral matters in international forums. This should be a basic element in a no-war pact according to the Indian view. The two countries' commitment to nonalignment would bar them from military alliances and from permitting foreign bases on their soil. The Indian communication reportedly said.

The two countries are to begin their ministerial level dialogue on the no-war pact when Pakistan Foreign Minister Agha Shabi arrives here within the next few days at the invitation of his Indian counterpart Narasimha Rao.

Mandela release helps avoid bloodbath -- wife

BRANDFORD, South Africa, Dec. 27 (AP) — "Releasing Nelson Mandela from prison and negotiating with him is the only way whites will avoid a bloodbath in this country," says Winnie Mandela, the wife of South Africa's leading black nationalist.

Mrs. Mandela, herself banned and banished to this small farming town by this country's white-minority government, said in an interview: "The government has imprisoned all the moderate blacks who believe in sharing power with whites and in racial harmony."

"All those left are the ones who have learned from the Afrikaer that the only way to get power is through the bullet," Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment June 12, 1964, for conspiring to overthrow white rule.

Mrs. Mandela was detained without charge on numerous occasions and following the 1976 Soweto riots, she was banned.

Under her banning order she must get permission to leave this Orange Free State town 50 kms north of Bloemfontein. She also may not be quoted in the South African press. No explanation is given by security forces, and the banning is renewable indefinitely.

Mrs. Mandela's five-year banning order expires Dec. 31. She said she expected it to be renewed. But she says she remains optimistic about the future of South Africa because of the confidence Nelson exudes during her periodic visits to him at Robben Island Prison off Cape Town.

"Nelson has always been confident that he will come out of that prison. In each and every single letter he writes over the past 20 years, and in each and every visit, he has always been confident that he will come out and lead his people to liberation."

Mrs. Mandela also said her husband was aware of the recent stepped up sabotage campaign by the banned African National Congress, which Mandela led until his imprisonment. She also claimed Mandela still runs the organization, and is responsible for the ANC's "deliberate policy" of avoiding civilian targets.

"He is as much in control of the situation today as he was 20 years ago. And human life is sacred to him and the African National Congress, regardless of color."

Polls of the country's 19 million black majority show Mandela remains the favorite for president if blacks gain control of

the government. Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu, an influential black activist, has predicted Mandela will be prime minister within five to 10 years.

Mrs. Mandela said her husband would strive for racial reconciliation if he is released, just as Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has done in neighboring Zimbabwe.

"Nelson's whole life centers around racial harmony and peace," Mrs. Mandela, 45, said. She also denied that Mandela is or ever was a Communist, saying he "is a Socialist and a nationalist."

Asked whether whites would be welcome in a Mandela government, she said: "That would be their choice. But Nelson has always believed South Africa needs all its people to survive."

She said Mandela has heard of Prime Minister P. W. Botha's moves to dismantle some of the vast apartheid-race separation-bureaucracy that keep the races apart. But she adds: "He's absolutely aware of everything that has taken place and nothing has impressed him. As far as he is concerned no changes have taken place at all."

Mrs. Mandela said treatment of the 63-year-old Mandela in prison has improved dramatically in the last few years. "Now there is complete respect for him. And even the ordinary members of the staff have changed their attitude toward him. They are more polite."

However, Mrs. Mandela still is not allowed to touch her husband, and police listen in as they talk on a telephone through armor-plated glass.

Mrs. Mandela said her husband has been offered a conditional release, barring political activity, on several occasions but has refused.

"His release must be totally unconditional. Otherwise he is prepared to spend the rest of his life on the island," she said. Hopeful as she is, she conceded the couple's hope of having another child, preferably a son to join their two daughters, "is only a dream now."

The couple have been married for 22 years, but she says "I never really lived with him I never even spent as much as a year together with him. Because when we got married he was on trial for treason. We got special permission to marry."

Fear grips Cambodians in Thai refugee camps

KHAO-I-DANG REFUGEE CAMP, Thailand, Dec. 27 (R) — Suspicion and fear of violence permeate the feelings of Khao-I-Dang's 42,000 resident Kampuchean toward their keepers, about 100 poorly paid but well-armed volunteer Thai troops.

"Crime would exist in any city this size," said a Western volunteer worker at this sprawling United Nations-run camp near the Kampuchean border about 250 kms northeast of Bangkok. "But here there is the added element of confinement. The Kampuchean regard the Thais as their jailers and the Thais treat the Kampuchean like prisoners," the worker said.

Refugees are not allowed out of the camp unless they choose to take a one-way trip back to the Kampuchean border settlements, or beyond to their Vietnamese-occupied homeland. Thai guards are forbidden to enter the camps living areas but make frequent nighttime visits, often in search of women, Kampuchean leaders in the camp say.

"The guards come looking for 'taxi girls' and when we tell them to leave they threaten us," one Kampuchean camp leader complained. About 300 persons recently abandoned their bamboo houses near the camp's outer barbed wire fence after allegations of guards leaving their posts on the perimeter and entering the camp at night to harass the occupants, volunteers said.

"Last month a 42-year-old widow was molested by armed drunken soldiers who came looking for her daughter but couldn't find her," a camp worker said.

"Both women are hiding with friends in the camp now. The soldiers have threatened to shoot the women if they identify them," the worker said. "The soldiers have been back since the incident looking for the daughter." Camp workers also moved a center for unaccompanied children away from the fence, fearing that teenaged girls might become a target for guards.

Lava threatens 85,000 in Java

JAKARTA, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Some 85,000 Indonesians are to be evacuated from 70 villages around Merapi volcano in central Java, as 5.7 million cubic meters (around 200 million cubic feet) of volcano lava threaten their homes.

Some 1.4 million cubic meters (50 million cubic feet) of lava has already devastated over 87 hectares of plantation and other cropland. Authorities have also reported that torrential rain over the past few days has increased the risk of spreading vast quantities of lava down the heavily populated Western slopes.

Adm. Atmojo, commander of the second military zone, said here authorities had emergency preparations in hand and were organizing means of transport. The go-ahead would be given once arrangements had been completed. Authorities have listed 85,010 persons to leave their homes.

Agitation begins in Indian state

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (AP) — Anti-immigrant agitators in the troubled northeastern Indian state of Assam began Sunday a two-day wall poster campaign against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's central government. The India News of India reported. The news agency said security forces deployed in Assam removed thousands of anti-government posters in major cities.

The two-year-old, student-led, economically crippling agitation demands the expulsion of millions of alleged aliens, mostly Bengali-speaking refugees from neighboring Bangladesh. The agitators forced the postponement of the January, 1980, nationwide parliamentary elections in the state.

Nearly 275 persons so far have perished in mass protests. Some of the posters pasted by the agitators said: "Defeat the conspiracy to usurp the democratic rights of the people of Assam." "Deport foreigners," and "No election will be allowed." UNI said. No violence was immediately reported Sunday.

Sudanese to sign accord on debts

KHARTOUM, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Sudanese Finance and Economic Planning Minister Ibrahim Minir Mansour will lead a delegation of experts Monday to London to discuss rescheduling of Sudan's debts to foreign banks.

SUNA news agency said Sunday agreement for rescheduling debts is expected to be signed in London Wednesday. SUNA said Mansour would proceed from London to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and then to Washington on an official assignment. The agency did not elaborate on that assignment.

Diana baby could be 'truly English'

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP) — The birth of Prince Charles' and Princess Diana's baby, a child who could be the first truly English king for more than 350 years, would be the perfect occasion to officially recognize Britain's Anglo-Saxon kings, an expert on royal genealogy said Sunday.

History books here officially date the British monarchy from 1066, the year William the Conqueror defeated the Anglo-Saxons and made himself king.

"It is a standing disgrace that the list should start with William the Norman, just because his successors, the Plantagenets, also Normans, decided to ignore their English predecessors," said Harold Brooks-Baker, former managing director of DeBrett's, which publishes the book of British nobility DeBrett's Peerage.

He suggested that the Anglo-Saxons be officially recognized in some fashion when the royal child, due next June, is born.

DeBrett's has calculated that the child, who will be second in line to the throne after Charles, 33, would be 58.8 percent British and could be the most British monarch since James I (reigning 1603-1625), who was 75 percent Scottish, and Anne (1702-1714), who was 60 percent British.

Since then, British kings and queens have

Half of Chinese are teen-agers

PEKING, Dec. 27 (AFP) — China has the youngest population in the world, with the average age of its one billion people now a mere 26 years old, the Shanghai Liberation Daily said Sunday. More than half the Chinese population is now younger than 20, while 65 percent are under 30. People over 60 only account for a bare five percent of the total population.

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The monarch said: "We have elusively noticed the university's progress in the field of scientific research and its active participation in the academic fields both inside the Kingdom and outside." He said this development conforms to our aspirations for our beloved land and our cherished objectives for the prosperity of the people, so they rise to the level of the advanced nations of the world.

The King said "today we celebrate the honorable march of knowledge which was initiated by the founder of this Kingdom, our father King Abdul Aziz (may his soul rest in peace). We salute the personnel of this university and congratulate them for their commendable sacrifices."

Soviet sent to camp

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (AFP) — Dissident free trader Vsevolod Kuvakin has been sentenced to one year's labor camp and five years forced residence by a Moscow court, dissident sources said here Sunday.

Kuvakin, 40, was sentenced for "anti-Soviet propaganda and agitation." He pleaded not guilty, admitting only that he had contacts with Western journalists.

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